



Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney acknowledges delegates while speaking at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Romney endures critical moment in acceptance speech

TAMPA, Florida (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney, in the most critical speech in his presidential campaign, told a television audience of millions that

Barack Obama had failed to deliver on his promise of hope and change and it is time for new leadership in the White House. Romney accepted the Republican presidential nomination late Thursday, casting himself as the best hope to lift the struggling U.S. economy and "restore the promise of America." His speech marked the climax of the three-day Republican National Convention

and a milestone in his long, often-rocky quest for the presidency. He will claim the honor he was denied when John McCain won the nomination four years ago. This year, he had to fend off a series of Republican challengers, questions about his shifting positions and mutterings about his Mormon religion. The ultimate prize, the White House, will be determined in a November vote. Polls

show Romney and Obama in a dead heat with the economy the biggest issue in the campaign. The United States is struggling with 8.3 percent unemployment and the slowest economic recovery in decades. Romney noted excitement over Obama's promises from his campaign four years ago "gave way to disappointment and division."

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UN nuke agency: Iran 'significantly' hampers probe

GEORGE JAHN
Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Iran has effectively shut down a probe of a site suspected of being used for work on nuclear weapons development while doubling the number of machines it could use to make the core of nuclear warheads at an underground bunker safe from airborne attack, the U.N. nuclear agency said in a report Thursday. Senior diplomats familiar with the International Atomic Energy Agency's latest report called both developments troubling, while cautioning that it was unclear how many of the more than 2,000 centrifuges now installed at the Fordo site were operational. They noted that agency inspectors did not have access to check their inner workings. They also said it was unclear what the ultimate use of the machines would be,

if and when they are turned on. Iran is enriching uranium at a level that could be used for reactor fuel as well as grades closer to the level used for nuclear warheads, and the officials said Iranian officials had not said what level the centrifuges

now installed but not working would be used for. The two diplomats, who are familiar with the IAEA's Iran investigation, demanded anonymity because they were not authorized to comment on the confidential report.



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, right, flashes a victory sign, during a meeting with his Egyptian counterpart Mohammed Morsi, left, at the sideline of opening session of the Nonaligned Movement, NAM, summit, in Tehran, Iran, on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012. Egypt's President Mohammed Morsi arrived in Tehran on Thursday in the first visit by an Egyptian leader to Iran after decades of hostility between the two countries. An unidentified interpreter sits at center. (AP Photo/Rouzbeh Jadidoleslam)

Importantly, the report noted that Iran had not significantly increased the pace of either low or higher-level uranium enrichment. It noted that less than 700 of the machines — all producing higher level material at 20 percent — were operating at Fordo, and about 10,000 were turning out lower-level enriched uranium at another site.

Those are approximately the same numbers as mentioned in the agency's last report in May.

The report also noted that Iran has turned much of the uranium that was enriched to the higher, 20-percent levels into reactor fuel plates that are difficult to retool into fissile warhead material.

As a result, it is still far short of the amount of higher enriched uranium it would need to quickly enrich the element further to weapons-grade levels.

While Iran already has

enough low-grade enriched uranium to make several nuclear weapons, that process would take long enough to send alarm signals to the outside world. Tom Z. Collina and Daryl Kimball of the Washington-based Arms Control Association said the common assumption is "that if Tehran were to decide to 'break out' and race to build a bomb, it would try to do so by using its still small stock of 20-percent enriched uranium."

They called the IAEA report "another troubling reminder of Iran's proliferation potential," while describing it as "not a 'game-changer' in terms of Tehran's capability to build a nuclear arsenal if it were to decide to do so."

Iran denies any interest in nuclear arms, insisting it is enriching uranium only to make reactor fuel and medical isotopes, and for scientific research. □

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"You know there's something wrong with the kind of job he's done as president when the best feeling you had was the day you voted for him," he said.

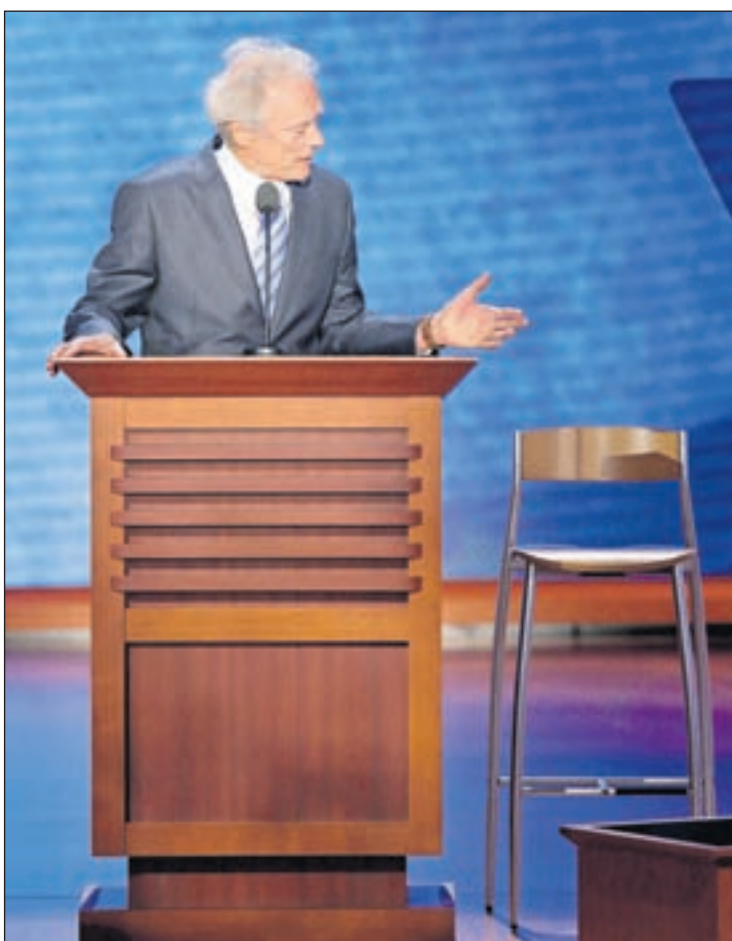
The speech was seen as a national introduction of sorts for the 65-year-old Romney — an oddity considering his years in the public eye. Yet for all his time as candidate, Massachusetts governor and head of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, he remains something of an enigma. He is often seen — unfairly, friends say — as stiff and distant.

While polls show voters view Romney, a multimillionaire former businessman, as more capable of fixing the economy, they find Obama to be more honest and likable.

The campaign hopes the speech and the convention in general will change perceptions of Romney. Speakers have portrayed the candidate as a man of family and faith, savvy

and successful in business, savior of the 2002 Winter Olympics, yet careful with spending. A portion of the

convention stage was rebuilt overnight so he would appear surrounded by delegates rather than speak-



Actor Clint Eastwood talks to an empty chair during his address to the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

ing from a distance, an attempt to soften his image.

Before Romney's speech, church members warmly presented Romney as a compassionate man who lives his Mormon faith of service. Grant Bennett described Romney's volunteer work shoveling snow and raking leaves for the elderly. A couple, Ted and Pat Oparowski, recalled how Romney befriended their 14-year-old son David as he was dying of cancer. "We will be ever grateful to Mitt for his love and concern," she said. Romney is the first Mormon nominee of a major U.S. political party.

Republicans also turned to some Hollywood firepower, with Clint Eastwood, the legendary tough guy, taking a turn at the podium. "When somebody does not do the job you've got to let 'em go," he said to a roaring audience.

Romney made a press-the-flesh entrance into the hall, walking slowly down one of the convention hall aisles and shaking hands with

dozens of delegates. The hall erupted in cheers when he reached the stage and waved to his cheering, chanting supporters before beginning to speak.

"I accept your nomination for president," he said, to more cheers.

Romney's speech was the traditional convention finale, and thousands of red, white and blue balloons nestled in netting high above the floor, ready to be released on cue once the Republican candidate completed his remarks.

But more than the hoopla, the evening marked one of a very few opportunities any presidential challenger is granted to appeal to millions of voters in a single night.

Cheering him on would be the Republican delegates who overwhelmingly approved his nomination in a roll-call vote Tuesday. The party has rallied behind Romney despite longstanding concerns about his shifting political positions and doubts about whether he was a true conservative. □

Water released from Isaac-stressed dam

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Isaac soaked Louisiana for yet another day, flooding homes and forcing last-minute evacuations and rescues. New Orleans itself was spared, thanks in large part to a levee system fortified after Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005. As the storm slogged its way across Louisiana and windy

conditions calmed, the extent of some of the damage became clear. Hundreds of homes, perhaps more, were underwater, thousands of people were staying at shelters and half of the state was without power. About 500 people had to be rescued by boat or high-water vehicles, and at least two people were killed.

And the damage may not be done. Officials were releasing water from an Isaac-stressed dam at a lake near the Louisiana-Mississippi border, hoping to ease the pressure. They had also started work on a levee breach in hard-hit Plaquemines Parish. In Arkansas, power lines were downed and trees knocked over as Isaac

moved into the state.

Farther south, where evacuations were ordered ahead of the storm, Isaac's unpredictable, meandering path and the amount of rain — as much as 16 inches (41 centimeters) in some places — caught many off guard. Eric Blake, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, said although

Isaac's cone shifted west as it zigzagged toward the Gulf Coast, forecasters accurately predicted its path, intensity and rainfall. He did say the storm crept ashore somewhat slower than anticipated. Blake also said local officials and residents shouldn't use Katrina as a guide for what areas were at the greatest risk of flooding during Isaac. □

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Pentagon may take legal action against SEAL author

ROBERT BURNS

**AP National Security Writer
WASHINGTON (AP)** — The

Pentagon's top lawyer on Thursday informed the former Navy SEAL who wrote a forthcoming book describing details of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden that he violated agreements to not divulge military secrets and that as a result the Pentagon is considering taking legal action against him.

The general counsel of the Defense Department, Jeh Johnson, wrote in a letter transmitted to the author, who participated in the May 2011 raid in Pakistan, that he had signed two nondisclosure agreements with the Navy in 2007 that obliged him to "never divulge" classified information.

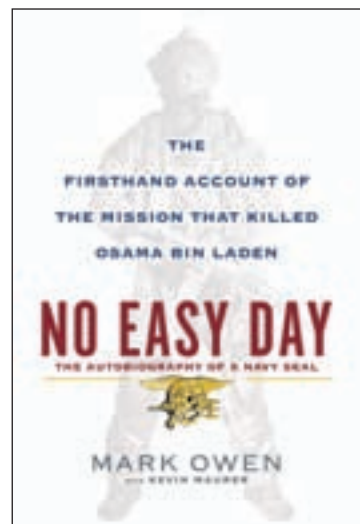
Johnson said that after reviewing a copy of the book, "No Easy Day," the Pentagon concluded that the author is in "material breach and violation" of the agreements.

Johnson addressed his letter to Mr. "Mark Owen," using quotation marks to signify that that this is the author's pseudonym.

The book, written by one of the men in the room when the al-Qaida leader was killed, was written under the pseudonym Mark Owen. Last week, Fox News Channel first reported Owens' real identity as Matt Bissonnette, and The Associated Press also identified Bissonnette after getting

independent confirmation. The book is to be published next week by Penguin Group (USA)'s Dutton imprint. The Associated Press purchased a copy Tuesday.

Bissonnette referred requests for comment about the letter to his publisher, which was not immediately available. "I write to formally advise you of your material breach and violation of your agreements, and to inform you that the department is considering pursuing against you, and



This book cover image released by Dutton shows "No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission that Killed Osama Bin Laden," by Mark Owen with Kevin Maurer. The Pentagon's top lawyer has informed the former Navy SEAL who authored the forthcoming book describing details of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden that he violated agreements to not divulge military secrets and that as a result the Pentagon is considering taking legal action against him. (AP Photo/Dutton)

all those acting in concert with you, all remedies legally available to us in light of this situation," Johnson wrote.

The Pentagon has not revealed how it got a copy of the book, which is scheduled to go on public sale next week.

Johnson wrote that "further public dissemination of your book will aggravate your breach and violation of your agreements."

The Pentagon did not release copies of the nondisclosure agreements that it said Bissonnette had signed in 2007. A spokesman, Army Col. Steve Warren, said they were being withheld because they include the author's real name and his signature.

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Johnson noted that "copies of the book have apparently already been released." He added, "further public dissemination of your book will aggravate your breach and violation of your agreements."

In his book, Bissonnette wrote that the SEALs spotted bin Laden at the top of a darkened hallway and shot him in the head even though they could not tell whether he was armed. Administration officials have described the SEALs shooting bin Laden only after he ducked back into a bedroom because they assumed he might be reaching for a weapon. □

US approves Shell oil drilling near Alaska, with conditions

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WASHINGTON — The Department of Interior granted Shell permission on Thursday to begin preparatory work on its first well in the Arctic Ocean, moving the company a critical step forward on its tortuous quest to drill for oil off the coast of Alaska.

Ken Salazar, the Interior Secretary, said that Shell could conduct the initial steps in drilling in the Chukchi Sea, putting down as much as 1,400 feet of well casing to support the required blow-out preventer, the device designed to shut down a runaway well.

The move delighted the company, which has spent more than \$4 billion and six years preparing for extensive exploratory activities in the Arctic.

But environmental advocates expressed dismay, saying that neither the company nor the government was prepared to handle the risks of drilling in the fragile and unforgiving region.

Under Thursday's decision, the company cannot drill into any subsurface formations that might contain oil or gas until its panoply of safety and containment systems is in place. Those systems are largely aboard a vessel called the Arctic Challenger, which is being renovated in Bellingham, Wash., and has not yet been certified by the Coast Guard.

Salazar and other officials said that the initial steps

posed very little risk of an oil spill or other serious mishap, though anti-drilling activists disputed that.

Salazar said this next step was consistent with the department's cautious approach.

"Any approved activities will be held to highest safety, environmental protection and emergency response standards," Salazar said in a teleconference for reporters.

Shell officials, who have been frustrated by repeated delays caused by equipment problems, government permitting issues and persistent sea ice, said they were thrilled by the announcement.

"Today's announcement is extremely exciting," Pete Slaiuby, Shell's vice president in charge of operations in Alaska, told reporters. "We've been waiting for this for about six years."

He said the company's Noble Discoverer drill ship would arrive in the Chukchi Sea drilling zone over the next 48 hours. It would then take a couple of days to connect anchors, and then it would be able to begin preliminary drilling.

The Interior Department announcement came on the final day of the Republican national convention in Tampa, Fla., where many speakers have criticized the Obama administration's energy policy as too restrictive. The government could grant final approval for Shell's safety systems next week during the Democratic convention. □

Psychiatrist questioned in Colorado shootings



Dr. Lynne Fenton, the University of Colorado psychiatrist who was treating suspected theater shooter James Holmes is seen through a window leading to a district courtroom where a motions hearing was being held in Holmes case in Centennial, Colo., on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012. James Holmes has been charged in the shooting at the Aurora theater on July 20 that killed twelve people and injured more than 50.

(AP Photo/Barry Gutierrez)

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CENTENNIAL, Colo. – James

E. Holmes, the neuroscience student charged with killing 12 people in a Colorado movie theater, might have called a university hospital switchboard minutes before the July 20 shooting in an apparent attempt to reach out to his psychiatrist, one of his lawyers suggested Thursday.

The lawyer, Tamara Brady, made the suggestion in a question to Holmes' psychiatrist, Lynne Fenton, referring to a telephone number for the hospital switchboard and asking, "Do you know whether James Holmes called that number nine minutes before the shooting started?" Fenton said she did not know.

That small glimpse into Holmes' final moments before one of the worst mass shootings in American history emerged as lawyers in the case sparred in court over whether prosecutors should have access to a notebook that Holmes sent to his psychiatrist sometime on the evening of July 19. A few hours later, the police say, Holmes put on a helmet and gas mask, walked into a sold-out movie theater in the Denver suburb of Aurora and opened fire in a midnight premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises."

Lawyers for Holmes, including Daniel King, argue that the contents of the package he sent to Fenton are privileged and cannot be disclosed. Prosecutors say that Holmes was no longer

a patient of Fenton's – and had not been for more than a month – when he mailed the envelope to her offices at the University of Colorado, Denver, where he had been a student. Whatever his aim in sending the package, prosecutors said, he was not acting as a patient seeking treatment.

"He planned either to be dead or in custody or something else, on the run, when this package was received,". The package was discovered a few days after the shooting, and has remained under seal. If a judge allows its contents to be disclosed, the package and notebook could provide a glimpse into Holmes' thoughts and mental state in the days or weeks leading up to the shooting.

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Witnesses describe Amish domination in court

ERIK ECKHOLM

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CLEVELAND — A sobbing daughter-in-law of Samuel Mullet Sr., the Amish leader on trial here with 15 followers for terrorizing the Amish of eastern Ohio with beard-cutting attacks, said Thursday that Mullet had repeatedly called her into his bedroom for sex in 2008, at one point sending his wife to fetch her.

The testimony of the daughter-in-law, Nancy Mullet, provided some of the most dramatic moments yet in a trial filled with accounts of violent attacks and bitter feuds among the normally peaceful Amish. It also provided the strongest evidence yet of what prosecutors and his Amish critics describe as Samuel Mullet's cultlike domination of the 18 families, nearly all his relatives, who lived around him in an isolated valley near Bergholz, Ohio.

Samuel Mullet, nine other men and six women are charged with conspiracy and federal hate crimes in

off the beards and hair of men and women they perceived as enemies. Mullet did not personally join in



Amish members at the Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse in Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 28, 2012. A group of 16 Amish men and women from an isolated Amish settlement, who allegedly helped use razor-sharp horse-mane shears to cut the beard of a 79-year-old Amish bishop, are on trial and charged with conspiracy, hate crimes and destroying evidence.

(Michael F. McElroy/The New York Times)

a series of assaults last fall in which members of the Bergholz community cut

the attacks, but prosecutors called him the mastermind.

Uncut beards are a sym-

bol of faith and identify for Amish men, and women refer to their long hair, kept concealed under caps or scarfs, as their "glory."

Trying to avoid the steady glare of Samuel Mullet, 66, Nancy Mullet testified that after her husband,

Eli, had psychiatric breakdowns, her father-in-law first told her to sit in his lap and kiss him, then days later had her sleep with him nightly for what he called marriage counseling.

"He told me the other ladies had done the same thing,"

Nancy Mullet said, and that her husband "would not get better"

if she did not accept his attentions.

"I didn't want to do it, but I was afraid not to," she said, bursting into tears.

"I thought if this is what it takes to help Eli, I'll do it."

In other signs of Samuel Mullet's control over followers, which led other Amish

to condemn his methods, Nancy Mullet said that church members had to get permission from him to send letters to outsiders and that he often read them first, and also read their incoming mail.

Nancy and Eli Mullet left Bergholz in late 2008, moving near her parents in Greenville, Pa.

Samuel Mullet's lawyer, in cross-examination of Nancy Mullet,

acknowledged that he had engaged in inappropriate sexual behavior.

"It was wrong," the defense lawyer, Edward G. Bryan, said. "I'm not saying it wasn't."

Defense lawyers have not challenged victims' accounts of the attacks. Rather, they have questioned whether the attacks were meant to cause bodily harm and had religious motives, conditions needed to satisfy the 2009 federal hate-crimes law. □

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Court blocks Texas voter ID law, citing racial impact

CHARLIE SAVAGE

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WASHINGTON — A federal court on Thursday blocked Texas from enforcing a strict new voter identification law, ruling that the state had failed to prove that the mandate would not disproportionately suppress turnout among eligible voters who are members of minority groups.

"The state of Texas enacted a voter ID law that — at least to our knowledge — is the most stringent in the country," the court wrote. "That law will almost certainly have retrogressive effect: It imposes strict, unforgiving burdens on the poor,

and racial minorities in Texas are disproportionately likely to live in poverty."

The ruling came days after another three-judge panel in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the Texas Legislature had intentionally discriminated against Hispanic voters in drawing up new political maps for congressional and legislative districts. Greg Abbott, the Texas attorney general, called the voter ID decision "wrong on the law" and said that Texas would keep fighting. "The state will appeal this decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, where we are confident we will

prevail," said Abbott, who has also vowed to appeal the redistricting case.

Abbott also noted that the Supreme Court had upheld the constitutionality of a voter ID law enacted by Indiana. Texas, however, bears a higher burden under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. Under that statute, jurisdictions that have a history of discriminating against minority voters must receive federal approval before making any change to their voting rules and it is up to the state to prove that its change will not dilute the voting power of members of minority groups. □

Study:

Majority of new US jobs pay lower wages

CATHERINE RAMPELL

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While the majority of jobs lost during the downturn were in the middle range of wages, the majority of those added during the recovery have been low paying, according to a new report from the National Employment Law Project.

The disappearance of mid-wage, midskill jobs is part of a longer-term trend that some refer to as a hollowing out of the workforce, though it has probably been accelerated by government layoffs.

"The overarching message here is we don't just have a jobs deficit; we have a 'good jobs' deficit," said Annette Bernhardt, the report's author and a policy co-director at the National Employment Law Project, a liberal research and advocacy group.

The report looked at 366 occupations tracked by the Labor Department, and clumped them into three equal groups by wage, with each representing a third of U.S. employment in 2008. The middle-third – occupations in fields like construction, manufacturing and information with median hourly wages of \$13.84 to \$21.13 – accounted for 60 percent of job losses from the beginning of 2008 to



A waitress delivers food at Arco Iris Restaurant in Tampa, Fla., Aug. 24, 2012. According to a new report from the National Employment Law Project, while the majority of jobs lost in the U.S. during the downturn were in the middle range of wages, the majority of those added during the recovery have been low paying.

(Brian Blanco/The New York Times)
than 300,000 workers since June 2009.

early 2010. The job market has turned around since then, but those categories have represented only 22 percent of total job growth.

Lower-wage occupations, with median hourly wages of \$7.69 to \$13.83, accounted for 21 percent of job losses during the retraction. Since employment started expanding again, they have accounted for 58 percent of all job growth. The occupations with the fastest growth were retail sales (at a median wage of \$10.97 an hour) and food preparation workers (\$9.04 an hour). Each category has grown by more

Some of these new, lower-paying jobs are being taken by people entering the labor force, like recent high school and college graduates. Many, though, are being filled by older workers who lost more lucrative jobs in the recession and were forced to take something to scrape by.

"I think I've been very resilient and resistant and optimistic, up until very recently," said Ellen Pinney, 56, who was let go from a \$75,000-a-year job managing procurement and supply for an electronics company in March 2008.

Since then, she has cobbled together a series of temporary jobs in retail, home health care and worked as a part-time receptionist for a beauty salon. She is now working as an unpaid intern for a construction company, putting together bids and business plans for green energy projects and has had to move in with her 86-year-old father in Forked River, N.J. "I really can't bear it anymore," she said, noting that her applications to places

like PetSmart and Target have gone unanswered. "From every standpoint – my independence, my sense of purposefulness, my self-esteem, my life planning – this is just not what I was planning."

As Pinney's experience shows, low-wage jobs have not been growing quickly during this recovery; they have accounted for such a big share of job growth primarily because mid-wage job growth has been so slow. □

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Buffett ups stocks to kids' charities

JOSH FUNK

AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Nebraska (AP) —

Warren Buffett has decided to increase significantly the amount of stock he gives the foundations run by his three children, so they will each eventually get roughly \$2.1 billion.

Buffett announced the change in his charitable giving plan on his 82nd

birthday Thursday in a letter, first reported by the Omaha World-Herald.

In 2006, Buffett promised to give roughly \$1.5 billion of Berkshire Hathaway stock to each of the foundations his children run as part of a plan give the bulk of his fortune to charity.

The biggest share of Buffett's \$44.7 billion fortune will go to the Bill & Melinda

Gates Foundation, and another sizeable gift will go to the Susan Thompson Buffett foundation Buffett created with his first wife. He did not change those pledges.

Buffett has been giving each of the five foundations 5 percent of his total pledge annually since 2006.

Buffett said he decided to increase the amount his children will receive because of the progress they've made.

"I'm very pleased about how all three of them have handled the contributions in the last six years," Buffett told The Associated Press.

Buffett said he is feeling fine and this decision was not prompted by any concern about his health. Buffett has been undergoing radiation treatment for prostate cancer this summer, but he has said his doctors do not believe the disease is life-threatening.

Each of Buffett's three children—Howard, Susie and Peter—all chose a different focus for their foundations, based on their own interests.

Howard Buffett is helping farmers in impoverished nations produce more to help end world hunger; Susie Buffett is strengthening early childhood education and looking for ways to reduce teen pregnancy; Peter Buffett wants to empower women and girls worldwide through education, collaboration and economic development to end violence against women. "They've done everything I've hoped for and more with the original gifts," Buffett said.

As part of his giving plan, Buffett has always said that all of his Berkshire stock—which today includes 350,000 Class A shares and 3,770,934 Class B shares—will eventually go to charity.

The pledges to the five foundations that Buffett outlined in 2006 accounted for about 85 percent of his stock. Buffett said that increasing the amount each of his three children will receive now means that about 90 percent of his stock is spoken for. □



US billionaire investor Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, attends the opening ceremony of a plant at the headquarters of cemented carbide tool supplier Tungaloy Corporation in Iwaki city, in Northern Japan. Warren Buffett is celebrating his 82nd birthday by giving each of his three children a big present: about \$600 million worth of his company's stock for their charitable foundations. (AP Photo/Shuji Kajiyama)



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Republican women play down most social issues

SUSAN SAULNY

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TAMPA, Fla. — About a block from the Republican National Convention, in a strip mall next to a Hooters restaurant, is the Woman Up! Pavilion, sponsored by the Young Guns Network, a "super PAC" promoting conservative candidates. Its decor is warm and welcoming, with circular banquettes accented by hot-pink carnations and red roses. There is a hair salon offering blowouts, and a gift shop. Cocktails like the "Lady Lemonade" and "Woman-Tini" are offered

about health care. We talk about energy."

This refrain is often heard in and around the convention these days. In dozens of interviews, women at the convention made clear that social issues are now taking a back seat. Even those who passionately agree (or disagree) with the new conservative party platform — calling for traditional marriage, public display of the Ten Commandments and a sweeping ban on abortion — did not seem to want to discuss the subject. (The one exception was Mitt Romney's sis-



Katie Sly of the College Republican National Committee gets her hair styled at the Woman Up! Pavilion outside the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., Aug. 27, 2012. About a block from the convention is the Woman Up! Pavilion, sponsored by the Young Guns Network, a "super PAC" promoting conservative candidates. (Max Whittaker/The New York Times)

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The pavilion holds a one-room women's suffrage museum and offers forums on topics like "Advocacy Means Business: Building Your Organization" and "The Europeanization of the United States." What is missing from the all-inclusive spot? Any discussion of the social issues — abortion, same-sex marriage, insurance coverage for birth control — that have at times engulfed the Republican nominating contest.

"We don't talk social issues," said Mary Ann Carter, policy director for the Young Guns Network, who manages the pavilion, as several young women from the convention milled about the space sipping coffee and shopping for souvenirs. "We talk about the economy. We talk

ter Jane, who Wednesday declared that if Romney is elected president, a ban on abortion is "never going to happen.")

Instead, women at the convention preferred to point to opening night Tuesday, when a parade of Republican women took to the podium, including Ann Romney, who spoke about her family, and Gov. Nikki R. Haley of South Carolina, who preached a gospel of economic empowerment, free of meddlesome government rules and regulations.

"They're doing the soft love approach," said Sandra Stroman, a convention participant from Chester, S.C. "They're holding up our women in this party and putting those women in front of the cameras, saying, 'Here are our Republican women.' □



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France's Hollande pushes EU to take action



French President Francois Hollande reacts during a joint news conference with Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, unseen at the Moncloa Palace in Madrid Thursday Aug. 30, 2012. Hollande met Rajoy for talks on Spain's economic crisis and the future of the euro.
(AP Photo/Paul White)

CIARAN GILES
Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — French President Francois Hollande called on Europe's leaders to make serious headway in introducing measures to ease the pressure on countries such as Spain. Speaking at a press conference following talks in Madrid Thursday with Spanish

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, Hollande urged politicians to use the next European Union summit on Oct 19. "to make decisions concerning the eurozone, lasting decisions." "We've been putting off choices for too long, and we've let doubt take hold." Hollande was referring to delays in introducing mea-

sures agreed at a summit in June to grant countries easier access to bailout money and set up a single banking regulator that could take the burden of bank bailouts off national governments. The French leader's remarks came as the financial problems of Spain's regional governments put the country under even greater pressure to ask for a bailout. Spain is in a double-dip recession with near 25 per-

cent unemployment following the bursting of a real estate bubble in 2008. It is under fierce pressure to reduce its swollen deficit, cut central and regional government spending and clean up a banking system laden down with toxic property assets. On Thursday, the Valencia regional government said it would have to tap a central government rescue fund for €4.5 billion (\$5.6 bil-

lion) — a billion more than previously planned — to help it handle its debt. That brings to almost €11 billion the amount being sought by just three regions from the €18 billion fund set up last month. The northeastern region of Catalonia is to seek €5.02 billion while southern Murcia intends asking for at least €300 million. Four other regions are also expected to tap the fund. □



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Turkey appeals to UN council for Syria safe zone

By **EDITH M. LEDERER**
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Turkey appealed to a reluctant UN Security Council Thursday for a safe haven for thousands of Syrians facing a “humanitarian disaster” as Britain and France said they would rule out no options — including a no-fly zone — to aid residents fleeing an escalating civil war. But Turkish leaders held out little hope for the endorsement of a deeply divided council that has been paralyzed on taking action to stop the 18-month uprising that has killed more than 20,000 people.

“How long are we going to sit and watch while an entire generation is being wiped out by random bombardment and deliberate mass targeting?” asked Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu. “Let’s not forget that if we do not act against such a crime against humanity happening in front of our eyes, we become accomplices to the crime.” Davutoglu, whose country is hosting more than 80,000

Syrian refugees, said he came to the council with hope that its members would take “long overdue steps” to help suffering people and establish camps inside Syria for those forced to flee their homes.

“Apparently, I was wrong about my expectations,” he told the council. “This meeting will not even end with a presidential or press statement, let alone a robust resolution.”

The path to the council’s agreement on a safe zone for Syrians is fraught with obstacles, headed by the reluctance of Russia and China, Syria’s most important allies. They have vetoed three Western-backed resolutions in the Security Council seeking to pressure President Bashar Assad’s government with the threat of sanctions.

Moscow and Beijing were highly critical of the no-fly zone established by NATO to protect civilians during last year’s Libyan revolt against longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi, saying its enforcement went

beyond the Security Council mandate. Western diplomats said enforcing the zone required taking out Libya’s air defenses and attacking tanks and military vehicles that posed threats to civilians.



William Hague, right, U.K. Foreign Minister, and Susan Rice, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., listens during a meeting on Syria in the United Nations Security Council on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012. Turkey’s foreign minister urged the Security Council on Thursday to set up a safe zone in Syria to protect thousands of civilians fleeing the civil war. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Russia and China, Syria’s most important allies, have vetoed three Western-backed resolutions in the

Security Council seeking to pressure Assad’s government. They vehemently oppose any threat to Syria’s sovereignty and territorial integrity. In addition, Russia has a military base in Syria. There are also serious po-

Assad must go, Russia and China oppose any effort to replace him that doesn’t have the support of the Syrian people.

Syria’s U.N. Ambassador Bashar Ja’afari accused unnamed Security Council powers of “promoting imminent military intervention under humanitarian pretexts.” “It is clear that certain states do not see the issue of humanitarian aid any way other than as part of a biased political agenda,” he said.

Before Thursday’s meeting, Britain and France announced new funding for refugees and left open the possibility of more aggressive action, including a military-enforced no-fly zone to protect a safe area for those fleeing the war.

“We are not ruling out any options for the future,” Britain’s Foreign Secretary William Hague told a news conference.

Hague said safe zones should remain an option, although he didn’t say when they might be seriously considered. □

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Russia: killer demands Pussy Riot band freed

MANSUR MIROVALEV

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — The bodies of an elderly woman and her daughter were found in Russia beneath a scrawled message demanding freedom for the jailed members of the Pussy Riot band, officials said Thursday.

While a Russian investigator cautioned that the killer was possibly trying to mislead police by drawing attention to the punk provocateurs, the alleged link between a killer and anti-Putin protesters was immediately seized upon by Russian media and pro-Kremlin publicists.

Three members of the band were sentenced this month to two years in prison for a February "punk prayer" performance in Moscow's main cathedral entreating the Virgin Mary to save Russia from Vladimir Putin, who at the time was on the verge of winning a new

term as Russian president.

An official of the Russian Orthodox Church on Thursday said supporters of the band bear a moral responsibility for the gruesome killings in the city of Kazan.

"This blood is on the conscience of the so-called public, which supported the participants in the action in Christ the Savior Cathedral, because the result is that people with unstable mentality got carte-blanc," said Archbishop Dmitry Smirnov, the church's envoy to law enforcement agencies, the Interfax news agency reported.

Some publications ran headlines claiming that Pussy Riot supporters "committed" or "inspired" a double homicide. The coverage was full of the mostly negative terms used by Kremlin-friendly television networks and media in their coverage of the protesters' trial.

Moscow's Hotel Metropol sold at auction

JIM HEINTZ

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Michael Jackson slept there. Vladimir Lenin harangued Bolsheviks there. Over the past century, the Hotel Metropol has seen the extremes of Russian life, from austere revolutionary fervor to flashy pop indulgence.

The hotel was sold Thursday for \$275 million — slightly more expensive than the starting price of \$272 million — after an auction organized by the Moscow city government as part of its privatization program.

The buyer was Azimut, a major Russian hotel chain that rented the Metropol from the Moscow city government, Russian media reported.

Moscow, with a perpetual shortage of hotel rooms and a business culture that adores ostentation, is an attractive market for high-end hoteliers and the Metropol offers plenty of curb-flash.

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Cars drive past Moscow's Metropol Hotel on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012. Michael Jackson slept there. Vladimir Lenin harangued Bolsheviks there. Over the past century, the Hotel Metropol has seen the extremes of Russian life, from austere revolutionary fervor to flashy pop indulgence. The hotel was sold Thursday for \$275 million — slightly more expensive than the starting price of \$272 million — after an auction organized by the Moscow city government as part of its privatization program.

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the Bolshoi Theater and an easy stroll from Red Square, the location is prime for any guest who wants to feel in the very center of the city's heaving action.

It's one of Moscow's most distinctive buildings as well, a cheery Art Nouveau confection in a city where buildings mostly seem to glower. Although at six stories it's one of the

city center's more low-rise structures, it stands out with sinuous curves, friezes of women en deshabille and bands of brightly colored majolica tiles. Several elaborate mosaics top the building, the most noted being Mikhail Vrubel's "Princess of Dreams," showing a dying knight sailing through a crashing sea to a vision of his beloved. □

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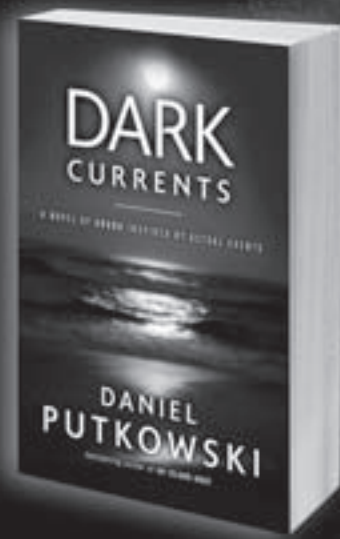
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YPF finds more shale reserves

MICHAEL WARREN
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina
(AP) — Argentina's state-

controlled YPF energy company announced on Thursday the discovery of a new reserve of shale gas and oil that could help make the South American country an energy exporter in the years ahead.

"We have for the first time perforated a new 'mother rock' in Argentina," YPF CEO Miguel Galuccio said. He said the new reserve, located in the provinces of Chubut and Santa Cruz near the Golfo San Jorge, is entirely separate from the vast "Vaca Muerta" or "Dead Cow" reserve that has given Argentina the world's third-largest shale potential behind the U.S. and China.

Galuccio, who will spend much of September presenting YPF's growth strategy to major American energy companies, said secrecy regulations bar him from providing estimates of how much crude oil and natural gas might be in the new find.

But he said the discovery could represent another great opportunity for profits from 50-50 partnerships with YPF in the years ahead. Overall, he said, foreign oil companies partnering with YPF can expect a 15 percent to 20 percent return on their investments. YPF hopes to invest \$37.2 billion through the end of 2017 — all but \$4.6 billion of which will come from its own resources and bond issues. Of this, 73 percent will be devoted to production,

22 percent to improving refinery capacity and 4 percent to new exploration, according to the five-year strategic plan Galuccio laid out to financial journalists.

Those percentages reflect what sets Argentina apart from many other countries — its reserves are already identified and it already has the pipelines, electricity networks, roads and other infrastructure in place to exploit them.

The trouble is that the government spooked investors by expropriating control

capital despite repeatedly promising that he will personally do all he can to protect such investments. He acknowledged that "the conflict with Repsol" has scared some off.

"I would not hide the fact that after an expropriation there will be people who will wait and see how things develop," he said. "But we're a company aligned with a government in a country with a huge potential in oil and gas. I do believe this is the right model." Despite providing no clarity on the question of com-



CEO of Argentina's state-controlled YPF oil company Miguel Galuccio presents his report after his first 100 days in charge of the oil and gas company in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012. While describing his five-year plan, Galuccio announced the energy company has discovered a new reserve of shale gas and oil that could make the South American country an even bigger energy provider in the years ahead.

(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

of YPF from Spain's Grupo Repsol in April without paying compensation. Some analysts predict that no big oil company will commit significant new money until Argentina pays the \$10.5 billion that Repsol says it's owed. After three months as YPF's CEO, Galuccio has not announced any major new inflow of foreign

capital despite repeatedly promising that he will personally do all he can to protect such investments. He acknowledged that "the conflict with Repsol" has scared some off.

"We're showing signs that we'll be extremely consistent. We've honored almost all our debts; we've continued to be listed in the New York Stock Exchange," he said. "I think the fear will disappear over time as long as we show results." □

Mexican court authorities prepare ruling on election

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Three of the seven justices on Mexico's highest election court, the Federal Electoral Tribunal, recommended Thursday dismissing legal challenges mounted by the second-place leftist candidate that seek to overturn the results of the July 1 presidential elections. In a proposed ruling to be voted on later by the full court, the three justices said there was not enough specific proof that alleged campaign violations occurred, or that they had affected the results of the vote.

Second-place finisher Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador had argued that the winning candidate, Enrique Pena Nieto of the old ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, engaged in widespread vote-buying and campaign spending excesses.

The ruling by the full court, expected later Thursday, will be the final step before what is widely expected to be the tribunal's confirmation of Pena Nieto's victory.

Pena Nieto won 38 percent of the July 1 vote, followed by Lopez Obrador of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party at about 31 percent.

The PRI has denied wrongdoing. A confirmation of its victory would end a 12-year PRI absence from Mexico's highest office, which it held without interruption from 1929 to 2000. □

Brazil government grants gay man 'maternity' leave

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil's social security agency has for the first time granted a four-month "maternity" leave for a man in a civil union with another man.

Lucimar da Silva asked for the leave two years ago when he and his partner adopted a child.

Brazilian law mandates that companies provide a four-month paid leave from work for a mother and five days paid leave for a father.

Silva argued it would be discriminatory to deny him the longer leave, noting the social security agency has already approved the four-month benefit for same-sex couples in which the partners are women.

An agency statement Thursday says the decision for da Silva does not set a legal precedent. It says all-male couples with adopted children will have to individually petition for the four-month leave.





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Other buffet specialties include peel and eat shrimp with cocktail sauce, baby mozzarella with salmon gravlax, an imported cheese platter with crackers, a variety of mixed nuts and smoked peppered mackerel.

Among hot main dishes, the culinary team offers a different menu each week consisting of chicken, beef tenderloin and fish dishes with rice and vegetables a carving station with ham and prime rib, besides an omelet and pasta station, serving hand-tossed pasta favorites and custom-made omelets.

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ough, Tobago. In Trinidad, the parade is inspected by the Head of State who, from 1962-1976, was the Governor General (i.e. the Queen's representative in Trinidad and Tobago). When Trinidad and Tobago achieved its status as a Republic in 1976, the President then assumed this role. The Chief Secretary, who is the leader of the Tobago House of Assembly, heads the Tobago parade. After the official activities at the parade grounds, the contingents march through the streets to the accompaniment of live music played by the bands of the various forces (e.g. Police, Fire and Prison bands). Cheering spectators line the parade route creating a carnival-like atmosphere. The evening is usually marked by the presentation of National Awards in a ceremony held at the President's House. These awards, which were first presented in 1969, honour the outstanding achievements of citizens

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Haiti park standoff highlights conflict over land

TRENTON DANIEL
Associated Press

LA VISITE NATIONAL PARK, Haiti (AP) — The police officers and other officials showed up in the mountain clearing on a cool morning armed with shotguns, pistols, sledgehammers and orders for hundreds of squatters to vacate the homes and farms they had carved out of one of Haiti's few national parks. The people living there had known they could be removed at any time because they were on a rare piece of protected woodland in one of the most deforested countries on earth. But they were resolved to put up a fight. In a violent clash that lasted several hours, four squatters were shot to death.

Exactly what happened on July 23 is still in dispute, but the episode points to the difficulties facing President Michel Martelly as he tries to bring law and order to a chaotic country still recovering from a devastating 2010 earthquake and successive hurricanes and storms. Martelly, who took office in May 2011, has made protecting the country's long-neglected natural environment one of his top four priorities, along with strengthening education, reforming the justice system and improving energy infrastructure. His government has banned plastic bags and Styrofoam containers, which litter the landscape and clog storm channels.



A father and son return with their donkey from a street market in the nearby village of Seguin to their home in La Visite National Park, Haiti, a rare piece of protected woodland in one of the most deforested countries on earth. A police operation to clear out farmers living for generations in the national park is now under investigation after four squatters were shot to death in the attempted eviction.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

It has backed projects improving sanitation and water quality and has called

for a restored military that would patrol forests and help outnumbered rangers

prevent further deforestation. But the administration has quickly learned that applying such high-minded goals to Haiti's sprawling problems looks easier on paper. His government cleared thousands of people from squalid displaced-person camps set up in public parks and plazas, in some cases through evictions, sparking widespread criticism of his supposedly heavy-handed tactics. Adding to the discontent was the lack of any government plan for housing the hundreds of thousands of people still left homeless from the quake. In the case of La Visite National Park, officials had nowhere to settle the squatters they were trying to evict. □



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Lance Armstrong waves to supporters after a run, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012, on Mont Royal Park in Montreal. Associated Press

APNewsBreak: Hamilton says Armstrong gave him PED

JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tyler Hamilton says Lance Armstrong gave him an illegal blood booster at his house before the 1999 Tour de France and the two teammates compared notes on using performance-enhancing drugs as far back as 1998.

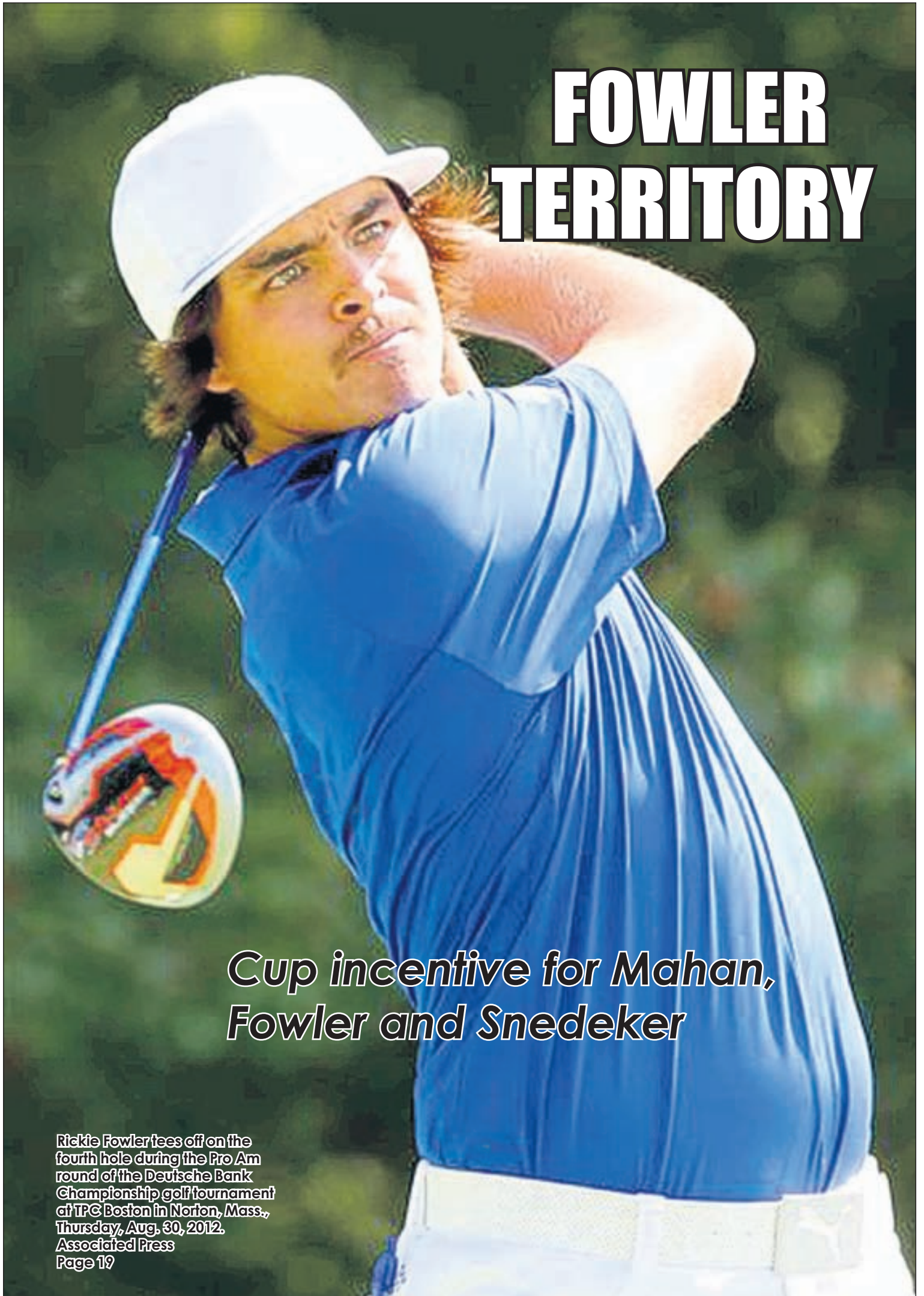
Hamilton makes the allegations in his book, "The Secret Race. Inside the Hidden World of the Tour de France, Doping, Cover-ups and Winning at All Costs," set to be published Sept. 5. The Associated Press purchased a copy Thursday. Armstrong agent Bill Stapleton did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Hamilton and Armstrong rode together on the U.S. Postal Service team.

Armstrong has long denied doping but last week chose not to fight drug charges made by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

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FOWLER TERRITORY



Cup incentive for Mahan, Fowler and Snedeker

Rickie Fowler tees off on the fourth hole during the Pro Am round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass., Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012. Associated Press
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Rodriguez edges Contador to win Vuelta 12th stage

DUMBRIA, Spain (AP) — Joaquin Rodriguez surged past Alberto Contador on the final climb to win the 12th stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Thursday and extend his lead over his fellow Spaniard to 13 seconds. Rodriguez and Contador broke away from the peloton and rode wheel-to-wheel up the last stretch of a sharp ascent to finish the 190.5-kilometer (118.4-mile)



In this June 26, 2001, file photo, Tyler Hamilton fights his way up the hill during the 8th stage of the Tour de Suisse, the mountain time trial from Sion to Crans-Montana in Crans-Montana, Switzerland. Associated Press

leg. Rodriguez, who led Contador by 1 second coming in, passed his rival with a couple hundred meters left and held on for his second stage victory in 4 hours, 24 minutes, 32 seconds. Contador crossed 8 seconds later. "You can compare this end of stage to any in Italy, it is so explosive. People had explained it to me and even though people tend to exaggerate, I didn't expect it to be so difficult," Rodriguez said. "I waited, then sprinted and won it." Contador was unconcerned about losing 12 seconds overall to Rodriguez, of Katusha. "I'm feeling good and when the mountain stages come, with longer finishes, than I should get even better," said Contador, the 2008 champion. Christopher Froome of Britain finished fifth, 23 seconds behind, to trail Rodriguez by 51 seconds overall. Alejandro Valverde dropped to 1:20 behind Rodriguez after finishing third ahead of Robert Gesink of



Race leader Joaquin Rodríguez of Spain raises his arms as he crosses the finish line to win the 12th stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race in Dumbria, Spain Thursday Aug. 30, 2012. The 21-stage, three week race ends in Madrid on Sept. 9. Associated Press

the Netherlands. Friday's 13th stage from the UNESCO heritage city of Santiago de Compostela to Ferrol is the last appetizer before a pair of important weekend mountain stages

that will test Rodriguez's ability to hold off Contador. "Alberto is going to really take it to us this weekend," Rodriguez said. "The gap is very small and someone

like Alberto makes you work very hard on a good day." The 21-stage, three-week race ends in Madrid on Sept. 9. □

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Hamilton

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USADA has erased 14 years of Armstrong's competitive results, including his seven Tour de France titles. The book mirrors much of what Hamilton told "60 Minutes" in 2011 and what he said he told federal criminal investigators looking into doping allegations on the Postal Service team. Officials closed that investigation in February without bringing any charges against Armstrong. Hamilton details his own drug use and says usage on the team started even before Armstrong joined in 1998. He and Armstrong soon became roommates and confidants who would discuss using the blood-booster EPO and other performance-enhancing drugs. He said while visiting Armstrong's home in Nice shortly before the 1999 Tour, he asked the Texan if he had any EPO and Armstrong pointed to the refrig-

erator. Hamilton described a doping plan put in place by the team for the 1999 Tour de France, with Armstrong's knowledge, that included a motorcyclist riding behind racers with a thermos full of EPO. It was to be dispensed to riders in the team camper after race stages. He said team leaders, doctors and managers encouraged and supervised doping and performance-enhancing drugs were handed out to cyclists in white lunch bags. Armstrong has previously sought to discredit Hamilton as a drug cheat who was twice banned for doping and was recently stripped of his 2004 Olympic gold medal. According to USADA, Hamilton is among its key witnesses ready to testify against Armstrong. In all, it said as many as 10 former teammates were ready to do so. The agency has withheld most of their names, saying it feared Armstrong would try to intimidate them. □

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Tournament within a tournament in Boston

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Massachusetts (AP) — This was exactly what Rickie Fowler wanted to hear.

"I'd pick him," a voice called out behind the ninth green Thursday at the TPC Boston, causing Fowler to look over his shoulder and smile.

Too bad this pronouncement came from the caddy for Justin Rose, and not Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III, who now has the increasingly difficult decision of picking four players to fill out his American team.

The 99-man field in the Deutsche Bank Championship, which starts Friday, feels a lot smaller than that. This is the second event in the FedEx Cup playoffs as it moves closer to the Tour Championship and a shot at the \$10 million bonus. But at least for the first few days, the chatter in a half-dozen players who face what amounts to the final audition before Love announces his picks Tuesday in New York.

Fowler is one of those players trying to make an impression. So is Hunter Mahan, who played two groups behind him in the pro-am. And right behind Mahan was Nick Watney, who wasn't even part of the Ryder Cup equation until he won The Barclays on Sunday. That made him No. 1 in the FedEx Cup standings, which made him happy. And it made Watney part of the Ryder Cup conversation, which made him ... well, he's not sure what to think.

Watney was such a long shot to make the Ryder Cup team a week ago that he hasn't been measured for a team uniform, and when Love hosted an informal

dinner at the PGA Championship three weeks ago for potential Ryder Cup players, Watney didn't even get invited.

"For all I know, I'm not even in the conversation," Watney said. "I'm really not sure. All I can do is go and try to play my best. I know that's watered down and cliché, but it's really true. I'm not really shooting for any number or, 'If I finish in the top 10 I'll make it' because I'm just not sure. I guess I'll just to continue my momentum."

"And if I get that call, I could probably walk to Indy just as fast as fly because I'll be super, super excited." Indianapolis, where the BMW Championship will be played next week, is the third stop in the playoffs. Getting to Crooked Stick is the goal for some three dozen players at the TPC Boston, because only the top 70 move on.

Among those on the bubble are Vijay Singh (No. 59), Pat Perez (No. 65), Sean O'Hair (No. 74) and Jason Day (No. 88).

Tiger Woods, whose injury-filled season a year ago kept him out of the playoffs, returns to the Deutsche Bank Championship. He won on the TPC Boston in 2006, the year before the FedEx Cup began. Woods fell to No. 3 in the standings because of a dismal weekend at Bethpage, and because players are grouped by their FedEx Cup seeding, he will play the opening two rounds with Watney and Brandt Snedeker, another Ryder Cup possibility. Woods has talked to Love about the potential picks, and he has an idea what kind of player the captain is considering. But he's not saying, except for the idea that having too many guys



Brandt Snedeker hits his drive on the first hole of the third round of The Barclays golf tournament at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, N.Y., Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012.
Associated Press

from whom to choose is not the worst thing.

"It's nice that we have some depth, and we have some young talent out there to choose from, and we have some guys that are playing well, too, which is great," he said.

Woods pointed out that Paul Azinger came up with this model of waiting three weeks for the captain to make his picks, allowing players extra time to show their form.

"It can give guys an opportunity to play well in big events — two playoff events — but it also showcases guys who are hot, and that's the whole idea is to get guys that are hot," Woods said. "That's the thing that basically Davis and I have been talking about. And I'm sure we'll continue to talk."

It's also given some players time to break into a cold sweat.

Mahan looked to be on the

team all year, especially after winning the Match Play Championship and the Houston Open, moving up to No. 4 in the world and making him the highest-ranked American. He has only had one top 10 since then, however, narrowly missed out on earning on the eight qualifying spots after the PGA Championship and didn't do himself any favors by missing the cut at The Barclays.

A small group of reporters was waiting on Mahan when he finished his pro-am on Thursday, and Mahan didn't need to hear a question to know what they wanted.

He also has a plan for the Deutsche Bank Championship.

"The last couple of weeks, I've tried not to think about it. I've tried to relax and play, and I don't feel that's me," he said. "I need to accept it and get excited about it. I do have a chance to make

the team. I need to be a little more aggressive with it, relish the opportunity and not hide from it. It's there. It's going to take energy for me not to think about. Hey, I'd rather be in the mix for the Ryder Cup than not."

Steve Stricker and Jim Furyk are in the mix, though most indications are they are good bets to be picked. That would leave two spots for any combination of Fowler, Mahan, Watney, Snedeker, Dustin Johnson and perhaps someone who might win this week, such as Bo Van Pelt or even Bill Haas.

"Playing golf is all I can do," Fowler said. "I don't want the pick to be hard for Davis. ... I hope to play well and make the pick easier." Fowler's three goals going into the year were to win on the PGA Tour for the first time, get to the Tour Championship for the first time and play in another Ryder Cup. □



Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce from Jamaica, left, competes next to Allyson Felix from the USA, right, and Carmelita Jeter from the USA, centre, in the women's 100m race, at the Diamond League Athletics meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012.

Associated Press

Bolt, Yohan Blake set Weltklasse meeting records

GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writer

ZURICH (AP) — Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake both set Weltklasse meeting records despite rain and cold winds at the Diamond League event on Thursday.

The hottest star attractions in athletics continued to fulfill their post-London Olympics plan of dividing the glamor sprints between them — and making fast times seem routine.

Bolt playfully shivered for the television cameras at the 200 meters starting line, then timed 19.66 seconds in the fastest half-lap race ever seen in Zurich.

"Running after the Olympics is much more fun, it is less stress. The fans make me enjoy it," Bolt said.

Earlier in the 100, fellow Jamaican Blake blazed to a dominating victory in 9.76, after Tyson Gay of the United States was disqualified for a false start.

There was a major surprise in the 800 as Olympic champion David Rudisha was beaten by Mohammed Aman of Ethiopia. Rudisha was targeting the world record he set at the London Games but said he was unsettled by the poor weather.

Bolt is no lover of the cooler European climate, yet still set a record for the high-class Weltklasse meeting which has long called itself "the Olympics in two hours."

The triple Olympic gold medalist was only a meter

clear of Nickel Ashmeade in the final straight then muscled through to widen the gap.

"I paced myself in the curve. I'm happy to achieve a sub-20 time but I did not want to push my body," Bolt said.

Bolt's 19.66, without a following wind, was .13 faster than Wallace Spearmon of the U.S. ran here two years ago. He also pulled through Ashmeade — who could not even make the Jamaican Olympic team at 200 — to a personal best of 19.85. □

APNewsBreak: Favre attys take aim at racy claims

JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Former football star Brett Favre shouldn't have to respond to some embarrassing claims about his personal life that two massage therapists are making in a lawsuit, his lawyers say.

The massage therapists say the New York Jets football team blacklisted them after they objected to suggestive messages the legendary quarterback allegedly sent to another woman. Among other things, they asked him to admit or deny he solicited women for sex trysts and sent explicit photos to a former Jets game hostess. The request was part of a procedural step in their 2011 lawsuit.

Favre's attorneys filed papers this week asking a court to say he doesn't have to answer. They say some of the requests are irrelevant and inappropriate, including a bid to get him to acknowledge that a lewd photo that appeared on a sports gossip website depicts his own anatomy.

"These requests clearly have absolutely nothing

to do with this lawsuit and have been included only to harass and embarrass," attorney Sharon H. Stern and other Favre lawyers wrote. The rest of the requests are "nonsensical" or too much in debate to ask him simply to admit them, his lawyers said. The Jets and another defendant, a massage therapist who helped others get work with the team, filed similar objections this week. The massage therapists' lawyer called the filings an effort to shield Favre from having to discuss his conduct.

"It's yet another attempt by the defendants, particularly Brett Favre, to avoid having to testify under oath in this matter," attorney Elizabeth Eilender said.

The Jets' lawyer declined to comment. Lawyers for Favre and the other defendant didn't immediately respond to phone and email messages Wednesday evening. Massage therapists Shannon O'Toole and Christina Scavo say they were called to give massages at the Jets training camp and to various players individually, until they



In this July 30, 2012, file photo, former NFL quarterback Brett Favre, now an assistant football coach at Oak Grove High School in Hattiesburg, Miss., speaks about the transition from player to coach during the first day of official practice for the fall high school football season.

Associated Press

ran afoul of Favre.

During the 2008 preseason, the lawsuit alleges, the now-retired three-time National Football League Most Valuable Player sent another woman a text message asking to get together with her and Scavo, followed by another text saying, "I guess I have bad intentions." After Scavo's husband asked Favre to apologize, she and O'Toole lost gigs with the Jets, the suit says.

They are seeking unspecified damages.

The suit was filed five days after the NFL fined Favre \$50,000 (€40,000) for not being forthright in an investigation into allegations that he sent bawdy text messages and photos to former Jets game hostess Jenn Sterger when they both worked for the team. During that investigation, media reports claimed Favre also had pursued massage therapists, but the NFL said it was unable to get enough information to decide whether the reports were substantiated.

The Jets have said O'Toole and Scavo worked for the team for a combined total of only five days over two years, making \$2,300 in all, and were never guaranteed any ongoing work. □

MLS Roundup NY late goal snatches 2-2 draw at DC United

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wilman Conde scored in the 88th minute to lift the New York Red Bulls to a 2-2 draw against D.C. United on Wednesday, moving within a point of the lead in Major League Soccer's Eastern Conference.

Joel Lindpere also scored for New York on a night that, until very late, looked like being remembered for Dwayne De Rosario's 100th career MLS goal.

De Rosario scored in the 68th minute to reach the milestone and put United ahead 2-1, only for New York to snatch a point.

Nick DeLeon also scored for D.C., which tied a club record set in 2007 by extending its home unbeaten streak to 13.



New England Revolution goalkeeper Matt Reis (1) makes a save against a shot by Chivas USA forward Juan Agudelo (11) during the second half of an MLS soccer match in Foxborough, Mass., Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012. The match ended in a 3-3 tie.

Associated Press

D.C. is very much in the playoff picture, yet Columbus Crew cut the gap between them to two points

by winning 2-1 away at Philadelphia Union, thanks to Eddie Gaven's last-gasp winner. □

On day of plenty U.S. wins, Roddick says he'll quit

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- By turns a bit wistful and at his wisecracking best, Andy Roddick let the tennis world in on a little secret he kept for a couple of days: This U.S. Open will be the last tournament of his career. Roddick made the surprising announcement at a hastily arranged news conference Thursday, his 30th birthday, at Flushing Meadows, the site of his biggest triumph - the 2003 championship, the

court developments in the afternoon. There was the loss by fifth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, the 2008 Australian Open runner-up, against a man ranked 52nd. And there was a spate of victories by American men, two who are Roddick's contemporaries and good pals (32-year-old James Blake and 30-year-old Mardy Fish), and two who have been viewed as possible successors as the best the country has to

the way women do. "Why (do) girls play best of three sets and we should play best of five sets and have the same prize money?" Davydenko said, reviving a familiar debate. "Why are we playing five-set matches? We need to play best of three in Grand Slams. Everybody will support (that idea, even Roger) Federer. For Federer, it's easy to win in one hour, two sets. No need to run (for) a third set," Davydenko said.

Of course, for Federer, winning three sets before his opponent does never has been much of a problem, and the 17-time major champion moved into the third round with a routine 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 victory over 83rd-ranked Bjorn Phau of Germany on Thursday night.

Naturally, he was asked about Roddick, a guy Federer beat in all four Grand Slam finals they played against each other, including one at the U.S. Open and three at Wimbledon.

"Oh, man. He's a great man," Federer said. "I've had some great battles with him for a long, long time. Obviously, the Wimbledon finals come to mind, the ones we played together. He's a great, great competitor and a great champion, really." Looking ahead to Friday, Federer also mentioned that he thinks Roddick "truly deserves a great ovation, a great atmosphere, a great crowd. ... I'm definitely going to watch it. It's not one to miss, and I hope it's not his last." Querrey also echoed the sentiments of plenty of others about Roddick's decision.

"He's been my biggest role model the last 10 years, playing tennis, watching tennis. He's been a really great guy, a great leader to us all. Nice and kind. Really generous to the up-and-comers," Querrey said after beating Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo of Spain 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 to reach the third round. "For me, for ... the 18-year-olds now, he's just been an unbelievable champion, a

Hall of Famer." While few seemed to have an inkling that Roddick would say farewell during these two weeks, 14-time major champion Serena Williams, for one, was not taken aback. Indeed, after beating Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez of Spain 6-2, 6-4, Williams said she knew this was coming. "I mean, he told me a while ago - last year - that this would be it," she said.

"We were talking about it. I was just thinking, 'Change your mind, Andy. Change your mind.' But I guess he didn't." His title in New York nine years ago was the last time an American man won a Grand Slam singles title, and Roddick reminisced - as he often has in the past - about coming to the U.S. Open with his parents as a present when he turned 8 years old. □



Andy Roddick speaks during a news conference during the second round of play at the 2012 US Open tennis tournament, Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, in New York. Roddick says the U.S. Open will be the last tournament of his career. The 2003 U.S. Open champion and former No. 1 announced his plans to retire at a news conference Thursday, his 30th birthday. Associated Press

last time an American man won a Grand Slam singles trophy. "I just feel like it's time," said Roddick, a former No. 1-ranked player who is seeded 20th. "I don't know that I'm healthy enough or committed enough to go another year. I've always wanted to, in a perfect world, finish at this event. I have a lot of family and friends here. I've thought all year that I would know when I got to this tournament. When I was playing my first round, I knew."

He is scheduled to play 19-year-old Bernard Tomic of Australia in the second round Friday night at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Roddick's impending departure was by far the biggest news of Day 4 at the year's last major tournament, overshadowing some otherwise noteworthy on-

offer in the sport (19-year-old Jack Sock and 24-year-old Sam Querrey).

"I saw the press conference just before I came out here. I had a feeling, thought it might be, because he's someone who puts heart and soul into every match. It gets tougher as you get older, and I don't think he could keep doing it the same way," said the 115th-ranked Blake, whose 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 upset of No. 24 Marcel Granollers of Spain was stunning for its ease.

No. 23-seeded Fish came back to beat two-time U.S. Open semifinalist Nikolay Davydenko 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-1, 6-2, the tournament-record 10th match in which a man erased a two-set deficit and came all the way back to win.

Davydenko's takeaway? Men should be playing best-of-three-set matches at Grand Slam tournaments,

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In a study of monkeys: Severe diet doesn't prolong life

GINA KOLATA

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For more than 20 years, the rhesus monkeys were kept semistarved, lean and hungry. The males' weights were so low they were the equivalent of a 6-foot-tall man who tipped the scales at just 120 to 133 pounds. The hope was that if the monkeys lived longer, healthier lives by eating a lot less, then maybe people, their evolutionary cousins, would too.

Some scientists, anticipating such benefits, began severely restricting their own diets.

The results of this major, long-awaited study, which began in 1987, are finally in. But it did not bring the vindication calorie restriction enthusiasts had anticipated.

It turns out the skinny monkeys did not live any longer than those kept at more normal weights. Some lab test results improved, but only in monkeys that were put on the diet when they were old. The causes of death – cancer, heart disease – were the same in both the underfed and the normally fed monkeys.

Lab test results showed lower levels of cholesterol and blood sugar in the male monkeys that started eating 30 percent fewer calories in old age, but not in the females.

Males and females that started dieting when they were old had lower levels of triglycerides, which are linked to heart disease risk. Monkeys put on the diet when they were young or middle-aged did not get the same benefits, although they had less cancer. Rafael de Cabo, lead author of the diet study, published online Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, said he was surprised and disappointed that the underfed monkeys did not live longer. Like many other researchers on aging, he had expected an outcome similar to that of a 2009 study from the University of Wisconsin that concluded that caloric restriction did extend monkeys' life spans.

But even that study had a question mark hanging over it. Its authors had disregarded about half of the deaths among the monkeys they studied, saying they were not related to aging.

If they had included all of the deaths, there was no extension of life span in the

to dismiss the idea that low-calorie diets result in longer life.

"I wouldn't discard the whole thing on the basis of one study when another study in the same species showed an increase in life span," said Eric Ravussin, director of the nutritional



A calorie-restricted 27-year-old male rhesus monkey, left, and a control monkey, both part of a 23-year-study of caloric restriction on aging by the National Institute on Aging. The results of the experiment found that the monkeys on a calorie restricted diet didn't live any long than the monkeys who were not restricted.

(NIA/NIH via The New York Times)

Wisconsin study, either.

"This shows the importance of replication in science," said Steven Austad, interim director of the Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Austad, who was not involved with either study, said that the University of Wisconsin study "was not nearly as conclusive as it was made out to be" and that the new study casts further doubt on the belief that caloric restriction extends life.

But other researchers still think that it does, and one of the authors of the new study, Julie A. Mattison, said there was still a bit of hope. The study is continuing until the youngest monkeys are 22 years old. While the data pretty much rule out any notion that the low-calorie diet will increase average lifespans, there still is a chance that the study might find that the diet increases the animals' maximum lifespan, she said.

Meanwhile, some others said that the Wisconsin study made them reluctant

obesity research center at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Louisiana. "I would still bet on an extension of life."

The idea that a low-calorie diet would extend life originated in the 1930s with a study of lab rats. But it was not until the 1980s that the theory took off. Scientists reported that in species ranging from yeast to flies to worms to mice, eating less meant living longer. And, in mice at least, a low-calorie diet also meant less cancer. It was not known whether the same thing would hold true in humans, and no one expected such a study would ever be done. It would take decades to get an answer, to say nothing of the expense and difficulty of getting people to be randomly assigned to starve themselves or not. Researchers concluded the best way to test the hypothesis would be through the monkey studies at the University of Wisconsin and the National Institute on Aging, although the animals would have to be followed for decades. □

Bristol-Myers recalls vials of cancer drug

PRINCETON, New Jersey (AP) — Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. is recalling more than 31,000 units of a chemotherapy drug after discovering one vial was overfilled, putting patients at risk of an overdose.

The company's action affects 10 lots of BiCNU, an injection of the drug carmustine, used to treat brain tumors, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's disease and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Bristol-Myers said taking too much of the drug could result in lung or kidney toxicity, though no adverse events have been reported yet.

The drug was manufactured by Ben Venue Laboratories, a former manufacturing contractor for the New York drug-maker. The recall affects products sold in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Latin America and Asia.

Bristol-Myers said the recall is unlikely to result in a product shortage. □

J&J settles \$181M case over antipsychotic drug



A discarded Risperdal Receipt sits on the ground. Johnson & Johnson announced Thursday that its pharmaceutical unit had reached a \$181 million consumer fraud settlement with 36 states and the District of Columbia over its marketing of Risperdal, an antipsychotic drug. (Photo)

KATIE THOMAS

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Johnson & Johnson announced Thursday that its pharmaceutical unit had reached a \$181 million consumer fraud settlement with 36 states and the District of Columbia over its marketing of Risperdal, an antipsychotic drug.

The company's pharmaceuticals subsidiary, Janssen, has been under scrutiny over its promotion of Risperdal, which treats symptoms of bipolar mania and schizophrenia. State and federal authorities have said that Janssen promoted the drug for uses it did not have approval for, including dementia in elderly patients, bipolar disorder in children and adolescents, depression and anxiety. Prosecutors have also accused the company of minimizing or concealing the risks associated with the drug.

In resolving the allegations by the states, Janssen did not admit wrongdoing or that it violated the law and said it settled to avoid "unnecessary expense and a prolonged legal process." "We have chosen this path to achieve a prompt and full resolution of these state claims and to ensure we continue to focus on our mission of providing medicines to meet the significant unmet needs of many people who suffer from mental illness," Michael Yang, president of Janssen, said in a statement Thursday. □

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Amazon Kindle Fire sold out as new model expected

PETER SVENSSON

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon.com Inc. says it has sold out of its Kindle Fire tablet computer amid expectations of a new model for the holiday season.

The Internet retailer has a major news conference scheduled for next Thursday in Santa Monica, California. It's widely expected to reveal a new model of the Fire there, so Thursday's announcement that the first model is "sold out" suggests that Amazon halted production a while ago to retool for a new model.

Amazon launched the \$199 tablet last November. It was the first Kindle with a color screen and the ability to run third-party applications, placing it in competition with Apple Inc.'s iPad, at half the price of the cheapest iPad.

Amazon doesn't say how many Fires it has sold, but

says it captured 22 percent of U.S. tablet sales over nine months. That would make it the second-most popular tablet, after the iPad. Tom Mainelli at research firm IDC said that figure matches his estimate of 6.7 million Fires sold, all in the U.S.

The Fire, which is about half the size of the iPad, could face a tougher challenge this holiday season. Many analysts expect Apple to introduce a smaller, cheaper iPad to take on the threat of the Kindle Fire and reach buyers who can't afford a full-sized iPad. In addition, Google just launched its own Kindle-sized tablet, the Nexus 7, and is selling it for \$199.

Amazon kept the price of the Kindle Fire low by keeping it small, stripping it of features and taking a small or zero profit margin. Its strategy is to make the Fire a means for people to buy more e-books, music



This Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011 file photo shows the Kindle Fire at a news conference in New York. Amazon.com Inc. quenched the Kindle Fire on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, saying its first tablet computer is now sold out.

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Indie stores, Kobo reading service reach e-deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Independent booksellers have found a new partner to help them sell e-books.

Toronto-based e-reading service Kobo has an agreement with the American Booksellers Association to offer e-books at independent stores. Kobo and the booksellers association announced Tuesday that starting this fall around 400 stores will offer e-devices, accessories and selections from Kobo's e-book store.

An e-partnership between booksellers and Google already had been set to end when Google announced this year it was dropping out, citing disappointing sales.

Independent stores have been helped by the decline and collapse of the Borders superstore chain. But fierce competition remains from such online sellers as Amazon.com. Independents have been looking for a way to have a bigger impact in the electronic market. □

and movie downloads from the Amazon store, which is intimately linked to the device. That's a contrast to the strategy of Apple, which sees content sales as a sideline and wants to make a profit on every device sold.

Apple has sold more than 84 million iPads since its debut in 2010, contributing to strong quarterly earnings and a market valuation that has exceeded \$625 billion — the highest ever for a public company. The iPad 2, released in March 2011, sells for \$399. The newest models, out this past March, sell for \$499 to \$829, depending on the amount of storage and wireless capabilities.

Amazon itself was the main outlet for the Kindle Fire. Its website now directs customers to used Fires available from other merchants. Staples stores recently sold it for \$179. It wasn't immediately known whether some stores still had it on shelves. Amazon could update the rest of its Kindle line at next week's event, too. The current models were launched a year ago. In the intervening time, competitor Barnes & Noble Inc. has launched a Nook e-reader with a built-in screen illuminator for reading in the dark.

ABI Research said Thursday that sales of dedicated e-readers, like the non-Fire, black-and-white Kindles, peaked last year. It ex-

pects worldwide sales of e-readers at 11 million in 2012, down from 15 million in 2011.

The research firm expects tablets to outsell e-readers 9 to 1 this year, despite costing four or five times as much. Still, e-readers won't go away completely, ABI analyst Joshua Flood said.

"We believe there will always be a niche market for the dedicated reading device for voracious readers, business travelers, and educational segments, particularly ones that are low-priced," Flood said.

Shares of Amazon, which is based in Seattle, fell \$1.40, or 0.6 percent, to \$245.72 in afternoon trading Thursday. □

The market's August lull nears an end; stocks fall

CHRISTINA REXRODE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The late-summer lull is about to end. Stocks fell Thursday, with investors too worried about high gas prices and stagnant employment to be impressed by higher consumer spending. But trading volume was light, the market's direction was steady, and there wasn't much in the way of major economic news. That could all change Friday. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is scheduled to speak at 10 a.m. EDT (1400 GMT), and investors will be listening closely for his opinion on the economy and whether the Fed will take more action to try to prop it up.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 106.77 points, or 0.8 percent, to 13,000.71. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 11.01, or 0.8 percent, to 1,399.48. The Nasdaq composite slid 32.48, or 1.05 percent, to 3,048.71.

Scott Freeze, president of Street One Financial in Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania, had the feeling that he was experiencing the calm before the storm. He went golfing Thursday morning with clients, figuring there wouldn't be many more chances to leave the office.

Many of his employees and clients planned to come to work Friday morning, stick around to see what Bernanke says, and then leave

early for the long weekend if it's nothing of consequence. "There's so little going on, it's all wait and see before Bernanke's speech," Freeze said. "I'm sure next week will

too ambiguous to really guide the market. And there's a lot of doubt that the Fed can do anything for the economy anyway. "Some people hang on

time. It doesn't matter that much."

For much of August, with many traders on vacation and a dearth of major economic news, the market has lumbered more than galloped.

On Thursday, about 2.4 billion shares were traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The average for the year so far is about 3.7 billion.

The economic news that did surface Thursday was uninspiring to investors.

The government reported that consumer spending rose in July from June, after a flat June and a decline in May. Separately, retailers like Target Corp., Gap Inc. and Macy's Inc. reported higher-than-expected August sales.

But rather than send stocks up, investors instead worried that the gains were only temporary, driven by back-to-school shopping that will soon peter out. □



Knight Capital specialist David Pologruto, right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks fell Thursday, with investors too worried about high gas prices and stagnant employment to be impressed by higher consumer spending. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

be a much different scenario."

Some thought Bernanke's speech, for all the hype, would end up being a non-event. The statements from Fed officials are sometimes

every word, they try to figure out what kind of briefcase he's carrying," said John Lekas, senior portfolio manager at Leader Capital in Portland, Oregon. "I think that's a waste of

US consumer spending rose 0.4 percent in July



Shoppers look for merchandise in Boston. Americans spent at the fastest pace in five months in July after earning a little more. The increase in income and consumer spending could help boost an economy mired in subpar growth. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans spent at the fastest pace in five months in July after earning a little more. The increase in income and consumer spending could help boost an economy mired in subpar growth. Consumer spending rose 0.4 percent in July from June, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

That followed no change in June and a slight decline in May. Income grew 0.3 percent, matching the gains from May and June. Americans also earned 0.3 percent more after paying taxes. Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said that the rise in spending showed "there is still life in American consumers." But he cautioned that higher gasoline prices

and a decline in consumer confidence in August could dampen spending in coming months.

The savings rate after taxes dipped to 4.2 percent. That's down slightly from 4.3 percent in June, a level which had been the highest in a year. Economists believe Americans began saving more in part because of concerns triggered by a sharp slowdown in job growth earlier this year.

Hiring picked up in July and could see further gains in August. The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits was unchanged last week at a seasonally adjusted 374,000, the Labor Department said in a separate report Thursday.

Applications are a measure of the pace of layoffs. They have risen slightly over the past three weeks but remain lower than they were in the spring, when hiring nearly stalled. □

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Oil falls as Street waits on Fed talk

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AP Business Writer

The price of oil fell Thursday as producers assessed the impact of Hurricane Isaac and traders waited to see if the Federal Reserve would act to boost the economy. U.S. benchmark oil fell 87 cents to finish trading at \$94.62 a barrel in New York. Brent crude rose 11 cents to end at \$112.65 a barrel in London. Oil companies evacuated many Gulf of Mexico platforms and refineries in advance of Isaac, which blew through as a hurricane before being downgraded to a tropical storm. They were assessing damage on Thursday. Some 95 percent of the daily oil production in the Gulf of Mexico has been shut down, according to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. The federal agency said workers have been evacuated from 509 production platforms, or 85 percent of manned platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. Workers have also been pulled from 50 drilling rigs, or 66 percent of the total, the agency said. Energy consultant Jim Ritterbusch said traders are good at accounting for the risk of tropical storms and hurricanes, which are a regular fact of life in the Gulf of Mexico. The bigger issue for the price of oil, he said, was the potential for news from the Federal Reserve on Friday. Investors will be listening to Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's speech for hints of additional steps to spur borrowing and spending. □

Why world markets focus on tiny Jackson Hole, Wyo.

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(AP) — Every August, the world's financial markets shift their attention from the centers of global com-

merce — New York, London, Tokyo — to a mountain valley in northwest Wyoming. On Friday, they will hear a speech by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. So how did Jackson Hole, Wyoming, come to wield such outsize importance in global economic affairs? In a word, trout.



In this August 27, 2010, file photo, Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke, left, and Donald L. Kohn, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, walk along the veranda of the Jackson Lake Lodge with the Grand Tetons in the distance, at the start of the annual Federal Reserve conference in Jackson, Wyo. Every August, the world's financial markets shift their attention from the centers of global commerce to a mountain valley in northwest Wyoming. The event now draws dozens of the biggest names in economics and finance. They come to enjoy breathtaking views of the Grand Teton mountain range, to hike and fish and to engage in intellectual combat in the halls of the Jackson Lake Lodge.

For four years starting in 1978, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City hosted an annual conference at different sites and different times of year. The event drew little attention outside the insular world of economic analysts. Inspired by a conference the Boston Fed held near a picturesque New Hamp-

shire site where the tearjerker "On Golden Pond" was filmed, the Kansas City Fed held its 1981 conference in scenic Vail, Colorado. Still no luck. The Vail meeting drew the conference's smallest crowd ever. Officials at the bank pondered how to draw bigger names and more attention to the yearly confab. That's when they set their sights on Paul Volcker, then chairman of the Federal Reserve in Washington. They decided to pursue Volcker by dangling the prospect of one of his favorite pastimes: fly-fishing. They needed to find a sure-fire trout-catching spot somewhere in the Kansas City Fed district, which covers Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Wyoming, as well as northern New Mexico and western Missouri. They considered somewhere in Colorado. But a

fly-fishing expert said Colorado's waters were too warm for trout in August. Go farther north, he said. Go to Jackson Hole. "I'd never heard of it," confessed Tom Davis, then the

mally does, too. (This year is an exception. The current ECB chief, Mario Draghi, who is fighting Europe's debt crisis, canceled plans to attend).

In the final days of the Soviet Union in 1990, central bankers and economists from the former Eastern bloc came to Jackson Hole to learn how to manage post-Communist economies.

Not everything went well. The Soviet delegation had mistakenly checked the weather for steamy Jackson, Mississippi. The Soviet officials "almost froze" in Jackson Hole's brisk mountain air, recalled Roger Guffey, then Kansas City Fed president, according to the bank's history.

The proceedings can become contentious. At the first Jackson Hole conference, in fact, Volcker himself came under fire for his drive to shrink inflation by pushing up interest rates into double digits and allowing the U.S. economy to sink deep into recession.

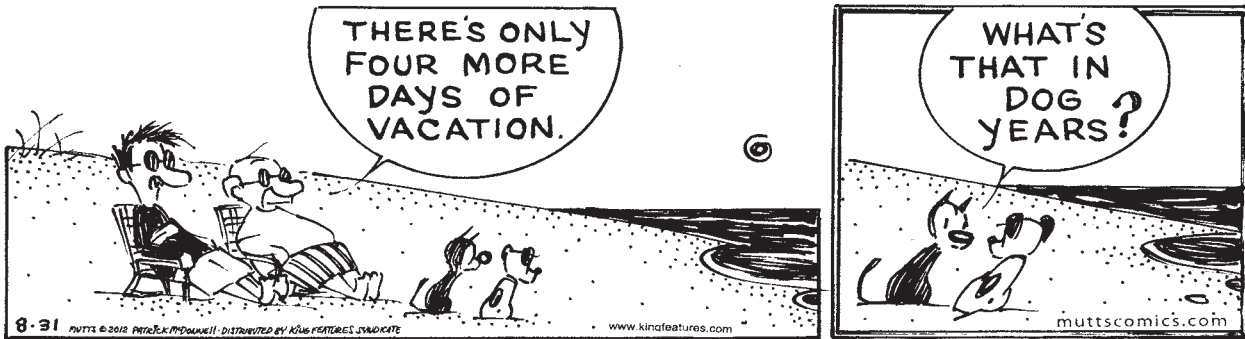
A University of Chicago economist named Raghuram Rajan ruined the mood in 2005 at what was shaping up as a fawning farewell to the outgoing Fed chairman, Alan Greenspan. Rajan warned that the financial system had absorbed dangerous risks under Greenspan's watch. Participants turned against Rajan. Former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers assailed him, calling his premise "misguided." Three years later, the world learned to its horror, as a meltdown of subprime mortgages started causing big banks to topple, that Rajan had been correct after all. □

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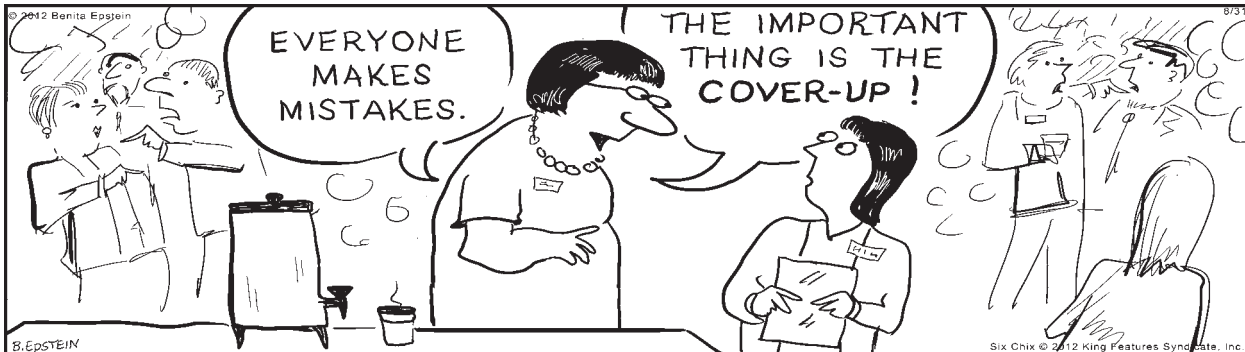
Kansas City Fed's research director and point man on the project, according to the bank's official history of the event.

The shift was made. And what's been known since 1982 as the Jackson Hole Economic Symposium took its place in economic lore. The event now draws 140 people every year, including some of the biggest names in economic and finance. They come to enjoy breathtaking views of the Grand Teton mountain range, to hike and fish and to engage in intellectual combat in the halls of the Jackson Lake Lodge. The Fed chairman always shows. The head of the European Central Bank nor-

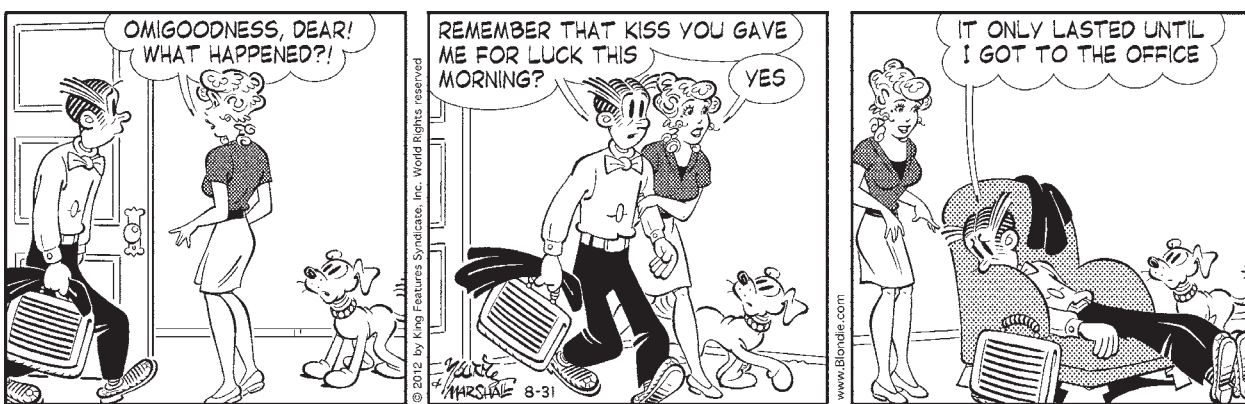
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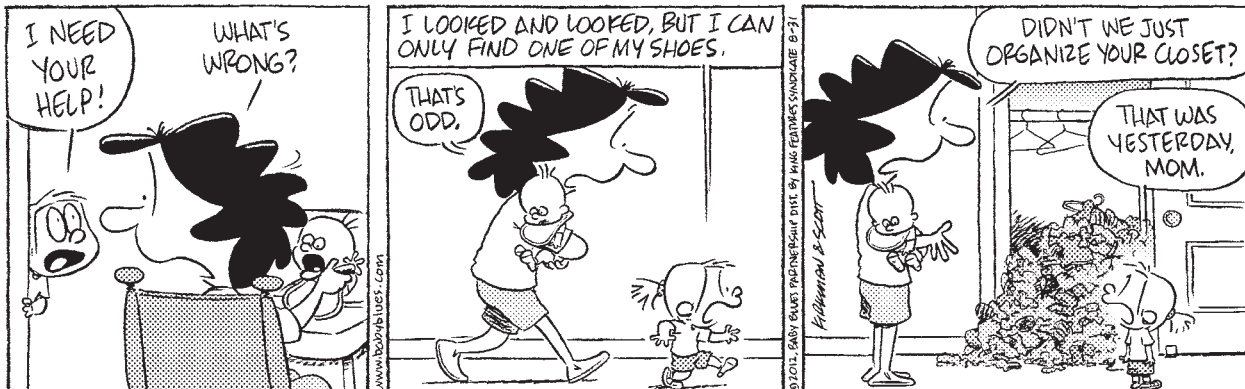
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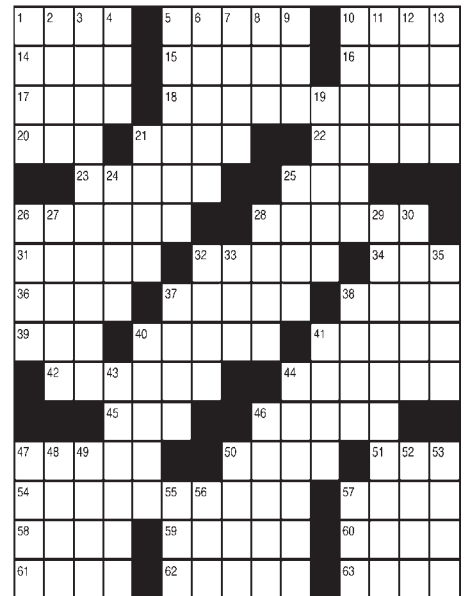
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Ballerina's skirt
- 5 Fragrant wood
- 10 MA's ___ Cod
- 14 Gorillas
- 15 Licorice-like flavoring
- 16 Destroy
- 17 Muscle quality
- 18 Took into custody again
- 20 Most common conjunction
- 21 City around the Vatican
- 22 Pile up
- 23 Poet Dickinson
- 25 Juicy Fruit or Black Jack
- 26 Come ___; find
- 28 Deep valley
- 31 Actor Willem
- 32 Braid of hair
- 34 Young dog
- 36 Soon
- 37 Chin fissure
- 38 Relinquish
- 39 Cow's remark
- 40 Cursor mover
- 41 Stove
- 42 Moral values
- 44 More impulsive
- 45 Neighbor of Mexico: abbr.
- 46 Caffé ___; order at Starbucks
- 47 Accuse
- 50 Mother ___; rich ore deposit
- 51 Inferior horse
- 54 Keep a ___; avoid attention
- 57 Rim
- 58 Woodwind
- 59 Lady
- 60 Abound
- 61 Courageous
- 62 Put forth, as one's energy
- 63 Tallies up



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Casual farewell
- 2 "Once ___ a time..."
- 3 Inexperienced beginner
- 4 Employ
- 5 Lombard and Burnett
- 6 Foe
- 7 Yahtzee cubes
- 8 Happy ___ clam
- 9 John Boehner's title: abbr.
- 10 Lousy
- 11 Invisible emanation
- 12 Eskimo ___; ice cream treats
- 13 Finales
- 19 Jeer at
- 21 Ascend
- 24 Night light
- 25 Trot or gallop
- 26 Actor Sandler
- 27 Narrow boat
- 28 Lunch spot
- 29 Generous
- 30 Poke; elbow
- 32 Advantage
- 33 "___ Miserables"
- 35 Look searchingly
- 37 ___-Cola
- 38 Money
- 40 Stingy person
- 41 Running contest
- 43 One-___ camel; dromedary
- 44 Rat or hamster
- 46 Back tooth
- 47 Shapeless mass
- 48 Gray wolf
- 49 Not at one's post, as a G.I.
- 50 Green citrus
- 52 Grew old
- 53 Jewels
- 55 Run up a tab
- 56 Wild canine
- 57 Greek letter

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Cross-species experimentation can be dangerous, as Syfy channel movies like "Piranhaconda" and "Sharktopus" have made clear. And yet if a journalist isn't willing to court danger in pursuit of truth, what good is he?

That is why I have spent the summer making species other than dogs watch DogTV, a television and Internet channel made specifically for viewing by dogs. Not to brag, but my research raises provocative questions about perception, genetics and the very definition of sentience and life itself. It also proves conclusively that snakes do not appreciate the miracle of Tupperware and that putting birdseed on your laptop keyboard is a poor idea.

DogTV, marketed as something for dogs to watch while their owners are at work, was first offered on cable systems in San Diego in February and received a burst of national publicity in April when it became available as an Internet stream. A few weeks ago it was in the news yet again, when dog owners turned out by the hundreds for a casting call in San Diego for future DogTV videos.

All this attention demands some critical assessment. I will leave it to dogs to judge the quality of DogTV programming, which includes footage of frolicking dogs, relaxing dogs and cogitating dogs, along with the occasional human or other nondog life-form.

What I decided needed examination was the core concept, the whole notion that dogs have distinctly different television prefer-

ences from other species and that those preferences are knowable. DogTV, the

trol group, by seeing how DogTV was received by actual dogs.



Molly the cat looks on to a television showing DogTV, a television and Internet channel made specifically for viewing by dogs, in New York, Aug. 28, 2012. During a cross species experimentation DogTV is put to the test and compared to other species.

(Ari Mintz/The New York Times)

service's website says, is "scientifically developed to provide the right company for dogs" and is the product of "years of research." Sure, but did they show their dog programs to a squirrel?

I realized in early spring that it was going to be a critter-heavy warm-weather season in my New Jersey yard because rabbits, chipmunks and squirrels were already lined up at my gardens with cutlery and napkins. So I resolved to test DogTV on whatever wildlife I could in the ensuing months and to augment those studies with tests that friends and family members conducted on their domestic animals at my request. (I have no pets myself, ensuring objectivity.)

First I had to establish what we researchers call a con-

I should note that I did not subscribe to DogTV to conduct these experiments. The Internet stream costs \$9.99 a month, and our office manager is rather humorless when it comes to approving expense reports. I used only the sample videos on the DogTV site, which come in three variations: "Relaxation," "Stimulation" and "Exposure." This would no doubt meet with disapproval from the DogTV staff, which counsels owners to "give your dog some time to adjust." Too bad; science waits for no dog.

My control-group dogs had

mixed reactions to DogTV that bordered on randomness:

— Mitzy, a border collie mix in Westerly, R.I., was certainly stimulated by the "Stimulation" video: She was stimulated to get up and leave the room.

— Dakota, a Dalmatian in Westford, Vt., "quickly realized the dogs in the video were not going to try to take her spot and went right back to sleep," her owner reported. Her companion, Otto, a German shorthaired pointer, "watched for about a minute and a half, then tried to lick the iPad."

— Maxie, a bichon frise in Hawley, Pa., who is said to prefer Yo-Yo Ma delivered by radio to any sort of television, looked everywhere but the screen for most of all three videos, the exception being a brief glance when a dog owner in "Exposure" aimed the command "Sit" at her dog after a doorbell rang.

— Walter, an Airedale in New York, ignored the screen for the first two videos and walked out on the third. His housemate, Fadilah, a Lakeland terrier, was also uninterested except during that controversial doorbell scene. "Her head did the telltale sign of paying attention (slightly cocked to the right) as the dog sat for his/her owner's 'sit,'" Fadilah's owner reported, adding, "Then the image shifted to the people walking across the street, and she was done." □

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LeAnn Rimes sues over phone call; enters treatment



This April 1, 2012 file photo shows country singer and actress LeAnn Rimes arriving at the 47th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) —

LeAnn Rimes sued two women she claims illegally recorded a phone conversation with her and posted snippets online, one day after she sought professional help for anxiety and stress. Rimes sued Kimberly Smiley and her adult daughter Lexi on Thursday, seeking more than \$25,000 in damages for recording a March phone conversation that ended up online on websites bashing the country singer.

Kimberly Smiley denied she posted the recording, saying she shared it with online acquaintances, one of whom played it for the ex-wife of Rimes' husband, Eddie Cibrian. "The whole thing is just ridiculous," she said.

"It's just a celebrity who's too full of herself."

The invasion of privacy lawsuit came one day after Rimes, 30, entered an inpatient treatment facility in what her publicist Marcel Pariseau describes an attempt to "learn and develop coping mechanisms."

The recorded phone call occurred because a friend of Rimes connected the singer and Smiley to try to stop some negative online postings, according to the lawsuit and an interview with Smiley.

It is illegal in California for

a party to record a phone call without the other person's knowledge.

"The making of the unauthorized recording and the posting of it and edited excerpts of it on various websites have resulted in a public and damaging depiction of Ms. Rimes, have harmed her reputation and personal relationships, and have caused her emotional distress," the lawsuit states. □

Los Angeles. Oscars change rule for best original song nominees

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There will be more songs vying for Oscars at next year's Academy Awards. The motion picture academy said Thursday that there will be a minimum of five nominees in the original song category at next year's ceremony.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says that the five nominated songs receiving the highest number of votes from music branch members will be up for the final award. The voting process previously only allowed songs that earned an average score to be nominated. Only two songs were nominated for the trophy earlier this year for the first time in Oscar history, with "Man or Muppet" from "The Muppets" winning the prize.

The 85th annual Academy Awards will be presented Feb. 24, 2013, at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood. □



This undated image released by MTV shows the cast of "Jersey Shore," from left, Paul "DJ Pauly D" Delvecchio, Deena Nicole Cortese, Vinny Guadagnino, Jenni "JWoww" Farley, Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino, Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola and Ronnie Magro in Seaside Heights, N.J.

Associated Press

'Jersey Shore': Washed up after the coming season

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer
NEW YORK (AP) —

MTV gave the last call for "Jersey Shore" on Thursday, saying the raucous reality show will conclude after its upcoming sixth season, which begins Oct. 4.

The series, whose roots lay in a party house in Seaside Heights, New Jersey, has given rise to stars such as Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi and Mike "The Situation" Sorren-

tino, just two from a cast of characters who were overtanned, over-loud and always pumped up. It popularized the terms "guido" and "guidette" and the mantra "Gym, tan, laundry" while trying the patience of locals with its party-hearty antics.

"Jersey Shore" became a pop-culture sensation and one of MTV's biggest hits with its premiere in December 2009. It drew as

many as 8 million viewers while spawning the spinoffs "Snooki & JWoww" and "The Pauly D Project." But ratings have eroded in recent seasons.

The show strayed from Jersey during its run. In Season 2, the housemates fled winter for Miami Beach. The fourth season took them to Italy.

But you could never take the Jersey out of "Jersey Shore" — or at least a certain Jersey stereotype the show made sport of riotously.

Meanwhile, certain Jersey locals made no secret of their disdain for the show.

Two years ago, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie called it "negative for New Jersey," telling a TV interviewer the show "takes a bunch of New Yorkers, drops them at the Jersey Shore and tries to make America feel like this is New Jersey."

Most of the cast members are from New York.

But all that really mattered was, every one of them was from "Jersey Shore," and as such, kept themselves defiantly in the public eye. (Just this past Sunday, Snooki grabbed headlines with the birth of her first child.)

On Sept. 6, MTV will launch its season-spanning cavalcade of farewell "Jersey" fare with a retrospective special, "Gym, Tan, Look Back." The party isn't over yet. □



In this Feb. 26, 2012 file photo, Bret McKenzie poses with his award for best original song for "Man or Muppet" during the 84th Academy Awards in the Hollywood section of Associated Press

'Godfather' author heirs, Paramount clash in U.S.

LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The future of "The Godfather" franchise moved to court Thursday as the son of creator Mario Puzo wants a judge to end Paramount Pictures' rights to make future films.

Lawyers for Anthony Puzo said in court papers that the company breached its contract when it tried in December to stop publication of "The Family Corleone," a "Godfather" sequel that was published in May.

Paramount, which is owned by Viacom Inc.,

sued the late author's estate in March, seeking a declaration that it automatically owned book publishing rights for any book that was a sequel to "The Godfather."

Paramount said in court papers that in 1969, it purchased from Puzo all rights and copyright interests in "The Godfather," including all "literary" rights and rights to use any characters created for the story in "other works." Mario Puzo died in 1999.

Paramount said the only right left to the Puzo estate was the right to publish the original novel "The Godfather" and to publish versions and adaptations. □



In this June 19, 1970, best-selling author Mario Puzo is shown at Paramount Pictures Studio in Los Angeles. Associated Press

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COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

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Twitter was abuzz with condolences just hours after the body was found around 11:30 a.m.

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And Mary J. Blige wrote: "U never know what can send a person over the edge or make them want 2 keep living. take it easy on people." 50 Cent said in a statement issued through his publicist that he was deeply saddened by the loss.

"Chris has been an important part of my business and personal growth for a decade," he said. "He was a good friend and advisor who helped me develop as an artist and businessman. My prayers are with his family. He will be greatly missed."

Lighty was raised by his mother in the Bronx as one of six children. He ran with a group called The Violators, the inspiration for the name of his management company, according to the company website. He

was a player in the hip-hop game since he was a kid DJ. He rose through the ranks at Rush Management — mogul Russell Simmons' first company — before eventually founding Violator Management in the late 1990s. "Today, we lost a hip-hop hero and one of its greatest architects," Simmons tweeted.

Lighty's roster ranged from Academy Award-winners Three 6 Mafia to maverick Missy Elliott to up-and-comer Papoose and perpetual star Carey. He made it his mission not so much to make musical superstars, but rather multifaceted entertainers who could be marketed in an array of ways: a sneaker deal here, a soft drink partnership there, a movie role down the road. □

New film to chronicle Rolling Stones' journey

LONDON (AP) — A documentary with newly-released historic footage will trace The Rolling Stones' 50-year journey from teenagers to rock icons, publicists for the band said Thursday. The film, titled "Crossfire Hurricane" — from a lyric in "Jumping Jack Flash" — is due for release in some British cinemas in October. The documentary includes footage showing the band's first road trips and the chaos of early tours, accompanied by commentaries by Mick Jagger, Keith

Richards, Charlie Watts, Ronnie Wood and former Stones Bill Wyman and Mick Taylor.

"This is not an academic history lesson," director Brett Morgen said in a statement. Instead, the film invites the audience to experience "the Stones' nearly mythical journey from outsiders to rock and roll royalty," he said.

The documentary also will be shown later this year on HBO and the BBC. The Stones, which are cel-

ebrating their 50th anniversary this year, have so far kept their plans secret. On Thursday, a publicist for the band denied reports that it will play four shows in London and New York in November.

The reports followed rumors that the rockers may be releasing new material after Jagger tweeted a photo of him holding a guitar inside a Paris recording studio this week.

The band first played in July, 1962 at The Marquee Club in London. □

The Secret Weapon: All Of Us



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The Republican National Convention opened by smacking President Barack Obama with the theme "We Built it."

To pound that message, Republicans turned to a Delaware businesswoman, Sher Valenzuela, who is also a candidate for lieutenant governor. Valenzuela and her husband built an upholstery business that now employs dozens of workers.

Valenzuela presumably was picked to speak so that she could thunder at Obama for disdaining capitalism.

Oops. It turns out that Valenzuela relied not only on her entrepreneurial skills but also on — yes, government help. Media Matters for America, a liberal watchdog group, documented \$2 million in loans from the Small Business Administration for Valenzuela's company, plus \$15 million in government contracts (mostly noncompetitive ones).

In a presentation earlier this year, Valenzuela described government assistance as an entrepreneur's "biggest 'secret weapon.'" Someone has set up a parody website, using the name of Valenzuela's company, First State Manufacturing, to mock the Republican message. The site, FirstStateManufacturing.com, declares, "Thank God government was there for me." In short, the Republicans are inadvertently underscoring the point that Obama was expressing in his "you didn't build that" comment in July. Obama noted then that "if you've been successful, you didn't get there on your own." He pointed to public investments in roads and bridges that enable businesses to flourish, and then he inelegantly added, "If you've got a business, you didn't build that."

Fox News erupted in outrage, selectively editing the clip to confirm Republican prejudices that Obama doesn't understand the private sector. This fits into the Republican narrative that business executives are heroic job creators when they aren't held back by regulations and taxes imposed by quasi-socialist Muslims born in Kenya.

Democrats tried to highlight a flaw in that narrative when they released a new ad pointing to Mitt Romney's outsourcing of jobs and telling him, "You didn't build that — you destroyed it."

Yet to me, that Democratic line of attack on Romney as a serial job destroyer feels unfair. Sometimes the way to save a company is to cut labor costs or outsource jobs, and almost nobody

wants to ban trade or overseas production even though they can cost jobs.

What is fair is to observe that the Republicans' claim that they are the great job creators is a fiction.

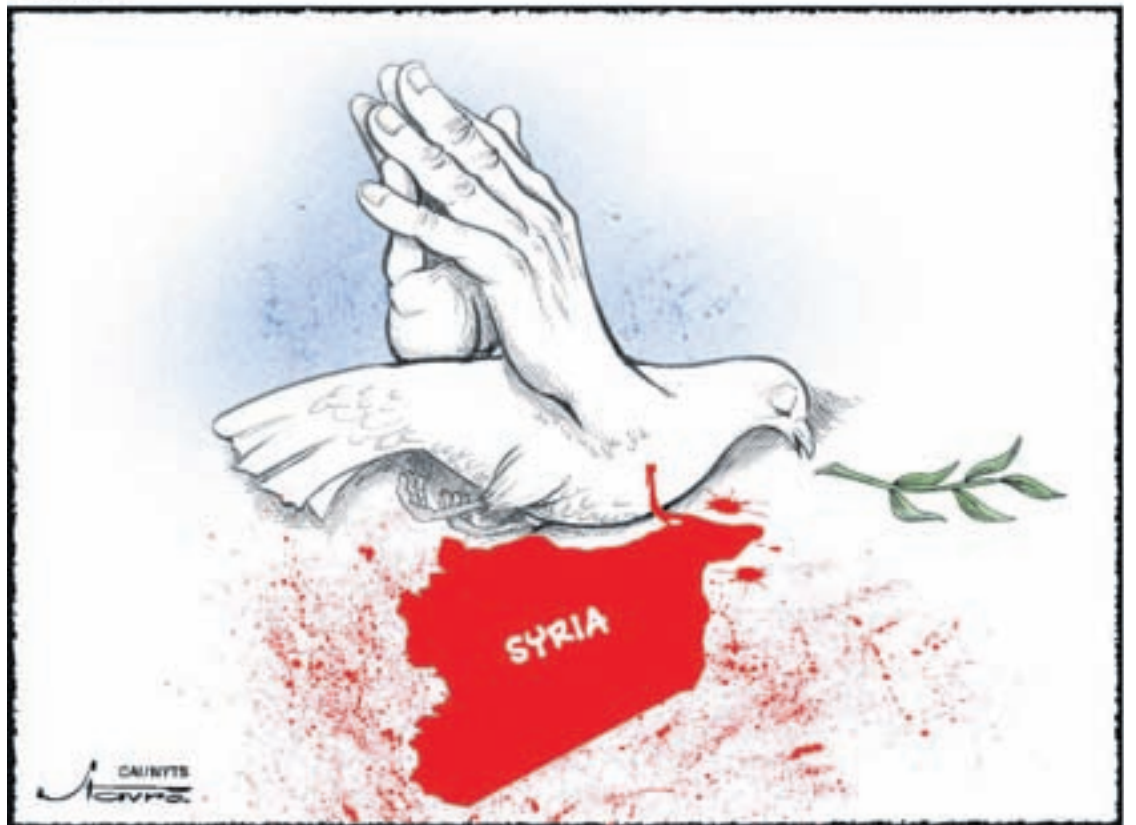
Robert S. McElvaine of Millsaps College examined employment data for the 64 years from the beginning of Harry Truman's presidency to the end of George W. Bush's. He found that an average of 2 million jobs were created per year when a Democrat was president, compared with 1 million annually when a Republican was president.

More pointedly, and unfortunately for Romney, business executives have only a mediocre record when transferring their skills to government. In the last great economic mess, this country was led by a Republican who had been stunningly successful in business: Herbert Hoover. Hmm. More recently, President George W. Bush staffed his Cabinet with CEOs who had been stellar in the private sector — and that didn't work out so well, either.

Obama's point about our shared undertaking was made last year, more eloquently, by Elizabeth Warren, the Massachusetts Democrat running for Senate: "There is nobody in this country who got rich on his own — nobody!" she said. "You built a factory out there? Good for you. But I want to be clear: You moved your goods to market on the roads the rest of us paid for; you hired workers the rest of us paid to educate; you all were safe in your factory because of police forces and fire forces that the rest of us paid for. ...

"You built a factory, and it turned into something terrific or a great idea? God bless. Keep a big hunk of it. But part of the underlying social contract is, you take a hunk of that and pay forward for the next kid who comes along."

In short, taxes don't just smother. They can also fuel growth — when they're invested in highways or the Internet, in colleges or early childhood education. They can create opportunities, as they did for Sher Valenzuela. Or for Romney himself. He built his Bain empire partly because he was smart and hard-working, but also because of a great education and because of tax breaks for debt financing. Tax loopholes helped him build his fortune, and other loopholes gave him the low tax rates to retain it. If the Republican convention wishes to highlight and explain Romney's success, it should have a moment of silence to honor our infernal tax code. Who built this country? Entrepreneurs, yes. But so did schoolteachers and railway construction workers. Doctors and truckers. Scientists and soldiers. You didn't build it, Mitt Romney — we all built it. Contact Kristof at Facebook.com/Kristof, Twitter.com/NickKristof or by mail at The New York Times, 620 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10018. □



Huggability And Helium



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TAMPA, Fla. — My favorite Mitt Romney story comes not from his current campaign, though it has certainly yielded a bounty of priceless Mitticisms, but from his 1994 Senate race against Ted Kennedy.

He's at a convenience store near Boston, pressing the flesh, when he spies a woman about a dozen feet away. She exhibits no evident interest in his advance. He hustles toward her nonetheless, fleet of step and silver of tongue.

"Don't run away!" is his smooth come-on.

She lifts her left hand, a gesture that could be a tepid, dismissive wave or, maybe, an attempt to cover her face.

"I know," he says, sympathizing with her standoffishness. "You haven't got your makeup on yet."

She corrects him: she does.

"You do! You do!" he chirps, shaking her right hand with an almost manic vigor. "Good to see you!"

As she slips away, it's not at all clear that she returns the sentiment.

And nearly two decades later, as the stage here in Tampa is readied for Romney's coronation, it's not at all clear that the electorate does, either.

Romney's political ascent and presidential campaign tell the remarkable tale of a suitor profoundly ill suited to the seduction at hand, a salesman whose enthusiasm has seldom been

instantly or expansively reciprocated.

He has somehow managed to pull within inches of the most powerful office on earth — the job that should be harder to get than any other — despite an inability and even unwillingness to connect, and despite the fact that most of his supporters, including most Republicans, aren't so much swooning as settling for him. That's worth remembering over the next few days, when hard-partying partisans here will do a pantomime of true passion.

As often as not, a convention is a communal lie, during which speakers and members of the audience project an excitement 10 times greater than what they really feel and a confidence about the candidate that they only wish they could muster. It's balloons and ginned-up fervor and manufactured swagger and more balloons.

And in Tampa, the helium and revelry obscure a great deal of doubt. While Republicans certainly prefer Romney to President Barack Obama and rightly believe that he has a shot at the White House, they also suspect that a more likable nominee with a defter touch would be the heavy favorite to win, given Americans' apprehensions about a persistently weak economy. And they cringe at Romney's clumsiness, diligently reminding themselves that their other options were lesser ones: Rick Perry, Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich, Herman Cain. You bake your cake with the ingredients you have.

Romney's a strange cake. He has racked up impressive accomplishments in both the private and the public sectors, including his Massachusetts health care reforms. He's a man of serious abilities. But he seems unable to accept that a presidential campaign demands more than a resume. It demands an audible heartbeat, a palpable

soul.

His are kept firmly under wraps. In the prelude to the convention, talented journalist after talented journalist set off in search of them, looking for the eureka anecdote, the tear-streaked epiphany. It was a quest as pointless and poignant as any I can recall. You can't add a John Williams score to a corporate balance sheet. You can't turn venture capital into "Terms of Endearment."

At times Romney and his intimates do their awkward best to serve up the desired emotional goods.

"I love tithing," Ann Romney told Parade magazine, referring to donations to the Mormon Church. "When Mitt and I give that check, I actually cry."

At other times Romney just throws up his hands and seeks to turn his aloofness into a badge of honor. "I am who I am," he said three times in a 30-minute interview with Politico for an article published Monday. He used the same line on Sunday with Fox News, naming the inspiration for it: Popeye. You know, the spinach-loving sailor man.

In a confessional era, Romney is stilted. At a time of increased worry about the distribution of wealth, gobs of it have been distributed his way. He's a font of precisely the sorts of gaffes that a 140-character news universe spotlights. His timing, all in all, could be better.

And his latest reaction is to suggest, as he did in the Politico interview, that the whole likability thing is overrated. So what if he's not so huggable or compelling? Doesn't mean he's not competent. Doesn't mean he won't be effective.

That's not the most stirring of pitches. Then again he's not the most stirring of politicians. And the triumphant oddity of this convention is that its purpose and atmospherics compel everyone here, including him, to pretend otherwise. □

Thailand breaks mass-massage world record

TODD PITMAN
Associated Press
BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand has long been known as the massage capital of the world. Now, it has a Guinness World Record to prove it.
 A record-breaking 641 massage therapists mass-massaged 641 people simultaneously for 12 minutes to win the honor Thurs-

day at an indoor exhibition hall in Bangkok. The event was organized by the Ministry of Public Health to promote the Southeast Asian nation's massage and spa industry.
 The therapists more than doubled the previous record — attained in Australia in 2010 — of 263 people being massaged at the same time for five minutes.



Thai masseuses perform mass massaging at a sport arena on the outskirts of Bangkok, Thailand Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012.

(AP Photo/Apichart Weerawong)

"It was easy because this is what we do every day for a living," said 53-year-old Chayan Chanwutisawan, one of the mostly female masseuses who took part in the event. "I'm proud of myself and my profession. I never thought we'd have a chance to be recognized like this."
 Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra presided over the spectacle, and a senior representative from Guinness Records, Rob Molloy, was on hand to certify the feat. Although some of Thailand's massage parlors notoriously double as fronts for prostitution, the vast majority are legitimate spas offering everything from aromatherapy to foot rubs to Thai "traditional massage" — an ancient art offered at shops across Bangkok that is still practiced and taught at the city's revered Wat Pho temple. A traditional massage lasts two hours. An abbreviated version was on display Thursday as therapists, dressed in traditional garb, demonstrated their skills on a sea of thin sky blue mats spread across the floor. To a soundtrack of dreamy music that included the sound of chirping crickets, they went through their repertoire with a series of massage positions choreographed by the tinkling of a bell.
 The event ended quietly, but hands went up and therapists cheered after Molloy confirmed they had won a Guinness Record shortly afterward. □

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